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2016 National Gathering Week Events

By Julie Olds, Cultural Resources Officer

Paaphsaahka niipinwiki - the mid-summer moon is upon us and marks the pivot point of the year for the Miami Tribe. As soon as the song of the spring peepers begins, marking the beginning of springtime, Miami leaders begin working with key staff members to plan what has come to be known as the National Gathering Week events.

The week has been so-named due to the many community

social events held in the days leading up to the annual meeting of the Nation's General Council.

This year the annual General Council meeting is set for Saturday morning, June 25th, in the Nation's aacimwikaani (council house) located in Miami, OK.

Social events begin on Thursday, June 23rd and last through Saturday evening, June 25th. Events include skill games, a

community lacrosse game, cultural education presentations, inter-tribal pow wow and of course the General Council meeting on Saturday morning.

A full itinerary is available on the Tribe's website and Facebook page.

Contact Miami Nation headquarters at 918-541-1300 with any questions regarding events or the General Council meeting.



Members of the Miami Tribe Business Committee are pictured, left to right: Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Moore, Second Chief Dustin Olds, Chief Douglas Lankford, First Councilperson Donya Williams, and Second Councilperson Scott Willard. Photo taken by Andrew Strack, Myaamia Center.

7th Biennial Myaamiaki Conference Eempaapiikinamankwi kineepwaayoneminaani: We Pick Up the Threads of Our Knowledge

By Daryl Baldwin, Director, Myaamia Center

This year's conference theme eempaapiikinamankwi kineepwaayoneminaani: 'we pick up the threads of our knowledge' reflects our evolving understanding of myaamia education. For those of you who have ever attended a winter story telling event, you have come to know and learn from various cultural heroes represented in our stories. When storytellers complete a story, they are often heard ending with eehinki eehkwaapiikaasici 'that is as far as he strings along.' The metaphoric use of a 'thread' symbolizes continuity and interrelatedness.

A single strand of thread can be as long, or as short, as needed. There is always a beginning but an end only appears when we stop creating new lengths. Our dear relative and dysfunctionally talented friend Wiisaakicaahkwa reminded us of these ideas when he told us:

"Eehkwi kati ašiihkiwi pinaamihkihsinki, alenia eehkwi mihtohseeniwici, kati nintaayaacimehkooki noohsemaki, nintaayaalhssoohkaalikooki.

As long as the earth endures, and as long as man is alive, my grandchildren will talk about me, and tell stories about me."



neehineeyankwi - Myaamia singing filled the air during the opening events of the 7th Biennial Myaamiaki Conference held at Miami University on April 2, 2016. Photo by Jonathan Fox, Myaamia Center.

It is from wiisaakaacaahkwa's spirit and through weaving our ongoing lives as Myaamia people that we are alive and our story continues. The many threads we were able to maintain through our historical experiences, and the many threads that we had to pick up again through our efforts in re-

vitalization, have allowed us to be here today with confidence and resilience.

Our tribal community is being redefined in our contemporary lives. We are no longer village centered, but have found ways to maintain our spiritual and intellectual centeredness. We are motivat-

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aacimwita akima: The Chief Reports

By Chief Douglas Lankford, eecipoonkwia

Aya, aya ceeki eeweemilakakoki. Greetings from our Nation's headquarters in Miami, Oklahoma. Niipinwi has arrived! Summertime in northeast Oklahoma brings games, dances and lots of good food. I am grateful for this time of year. Especially this year. As you know, my family and I lost my older brother, Steve, just a little over a year ago. Our time of mourning this past year was needed and we are all healing slowly from this loss. I have been looking forward to the summer to return to the dance arena, a place my brother loved. This past weekend I enjoyed gourd dancing at the Inter-Tribal Children's Pow Wow here in Miami, and boy did it feel good to hold my rattle again. I will remember by big brother always when I enter any arena.

Our busy time of year arrived with this season. We are planning for our annual National Gathering Week events, set for June 23-25. Thursday, June 23rd we will enjoy game day at the Drake House with our annual archery challenge, lacrosse shoot-out, and tomahawk throw. Lunch and dinner will be served outside, weather permitting.

We will be introducing a mahkisina game tournament following the dinner on Thursday. Our custom of betting on these games will be observed by those who wish to place a wager. We ask that, when possible, wagers be handmade items and valued at \$10 each or you can place a monetary wager up to \$10. The money collected will be used to have a new set of mahkisina game pads made which will be used for future tournaments. Ceeleelintamaani!

On Friday, June 24, we will enjoy breakfast at the Myaamia Community Center at 9 a.m. Following breakfast, George Ironstrack will give a presentation on lacrosse and then we will all head out to the game field for a community game. Once we are all good and tired, and sore, we will head back into the cool of the Community Center for lunch followed by cultural education presentations on Myaamia games, language and the traditional names database.

Friday evening will kick off the 17th Annual Miami Nation Pow Wow. Our inter-tribal pow wow is a regional favorite and our Committee has done a great job putting together a fantastic Head Staff. Bring your lawn chairs and come out!

Saturday, June 25th, we start our morning with breakfast together at the Community Center at 7:00 a.m. We move next door to our Nation's Council House to begin our annual General Council meeting promptly at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served following the meeting and then we will move to our Nation's new headquarters facility for our official dedication and open house. We can't wait to show you around our beautiful, and spacious, building.

Saturday evening we return to the Miami Nation Dance Grounds for the closing evening of our pow wow and our 2016 National Gathering Week events. I hope you will be able to join us for this important, fun and educational gathering time.

I so enjoy this time of year when these social events of our National Gathering Week finally arrive, but the focal point remains the annual General Council meeting. This event is the pivot point of our year and is significant to our persistence as a sovereign Nation. It is important for us to attend, if at all possible, this day of governance to listen, learn and participate. It is also invaluable to our efforts to raise our children to be interested and committed Myaamia citizens in coming years. We must teach them why, and how, we stand today as a recognized people, a Nation, self governing, committed and responsible for perpetuating our heritage and government. Our identity as a Nation, and individually as Myaamia people, has been handed down from generation to generation. As we join hands during the opening events of the meeting, as we listen, vote, and attend to our responsibilities, as our hearts remember those who fought, who were forced away from our ancestral lands, and who traveled many roads leading to this place we know today as myaamionki, may we gain strength as

individual Myaamia citizens and together as a Nation.

Today we number more than 5,000 citizens. It has been over two centuries since the Myaamia numbered this many. Each year, for these many decades of healing since being removed to this place, tribal leaders work to secure, and expand, our National assets for the good of our citizens. From establishing a tribal headquarters, to a land-base that includes land ownership in Oklahoma, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana, to ownership of historic properties, our physical assets have grown through years of planning based on community interest and National need. With our growth comes necessary change and development.

Since the last meeting of this General Council, a number of important works have been accomplished for the Myaamiaki. After our meeting this year, we will have an Open House event to welcome you to the new headquarters of our Nation. This change of address was needed for a number of reasons, but primarily to try to assemble our Tribal offices under one roof in order to serve tribal citizens more efficiently, and to gain from the synergy that comes from our offices having direct access to each other for meetings and daily communication. While the current building, though significantly larger, does not have enough space for every office, our goal is to continue to build additional space at the new Headquarters as grant funding and business efforts will allow. We have continued to improve the campus surrounding this council building. Our dance grounds have expanded to include a concession stand and restrooms, as well as a larger parking area and camping grounds. Our lacrosse field is well established and many times has felt the thunder of feet, young and old, as our games return.

This summer the Saakaciweeta Program, now in its second year, has a new expanded, and well-fenced, play area that includes playground equipment, gardening space, and plenty of room for games. We are so grateful, and proud, to continue developing educational programs where our children can learn our language and culture.

I am proud to report that our Tribal Police Department, with Officer Ronnie Gilmore serving as Chief of Police, now has a team of 12 highly trained officers serving our Nation. Our Police Department is working in conjunction with the DEA and BIA to curtail drug trafficking in our area of northeast Oklahoma. We recently obtained Sheriff's Commissions and Federal Commissions for individual officers within the department. Of note, Oklahoma House Bill 2319 is anticipated to go into effect in November of this year and will expand our Police jurisdiction to include any tribally owned property regardless of trust status. We are also entering into an agreement with the agencies of Ottawa and Delaware Counties to establish a Combined Area Response Team. This Team will provide tactical support to high-risk situations throughout Ottawa and Delaware Counties.

I am sorry to report our work to combat efforts by the State of Indiana to challenge, and even change, the rights of federally recognized tribes is a fire that shows no signs of losing fuel. Indiana has blatantly disrespected Tribal Nations by placing individuals with no citizenship rights in any Tribe in positions on a state commission specifically reserved by state law for enrolled citizens of a federally recognized Tribe.

We worked diligently, in partnership with relatives among the Shawnee Tribe, to stop legislation presented by Senator Randy Head specifically designed to change the law to allow members of groups claiming Tribal status, and individuals claiming ancestry but with no citizenship status, to hold these important seats. And while this legislation was stopped, the State of Indiana continues to break state law by allowing ineligible individuals, appointed by the Governor, to remain in positions expressly reserved for enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribes on a commission created to support Native American concerns in Indiana. We



Chief Douglas Lankford

believe that the conduct of the State of Indiana, and individuals within various offices there, must be made known to the public and especially to our Miami citizens living in this state that is at the heart of our homeland region.

Furthermore, we pledge to continue to fight against these demeaning efforts, which are emerging from obvious ignorance about tribal identity and sovereignty. The state of Indiana has no regard for the historic Tribes who were forcefully removed from lands now included in the boundary of that state. To ignore their unlawful actions will give way to the institution of laws designed to radically alter who may identify as a Native American and will further work to extinguish the sovereignty of Tribal Nations. I speak on behalf of our Nation's leadership in assuring you that we have begun to openly fight against the state of Indiana and will continue to do so, standing with our allies among the Shawnee and other Tribes.

To help you fully understand the depth of this issue, we are preparing to distribute a history booklet documenting the forced removal of the Miami Nation from our ancestral lands in Indiana and the surrounding region, the emergence of the 501c3 entity known as the Miami Nation of Indiana, Inc., and the details of the illegal actions of the state of Indiana regarding the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission. The distribution of this publication is set for late summer 2016.

As a Sovereign Nation, we daily face challenges at the local, state and national levels. I say mihši-neewe to each Myaamia citizen, on behalf of your Tribal leadership, for your support during positive efforts, and possibly even more so during challenges such as mentioned before regarding the actions of the state of Indiana. We are strengthened by you, and it is for you, every Myaamia citizen, that we commit ourselves to this service.



Thursday, June 23, 2016

ANNUAL MYAAMIA GAMES DAY

Location: DRAKE HOUSE - 3700 S. 505 Road, Miami, OK

Events: ARCHERY - LACROSSE - TOMAHAWK THROW - MAHKISINA TOURNAMENT

Events begin at 10:30 a.m. and last all day and into the evening. There are events scheduled for adults and children. Lunch and dinner will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, hats, sunscreen, and bug spray. (Bring wagers valued at not more than \$10 -or cash of \$10 or less- for the Mahkisina Game Tournament.)

10:30 a.m. Beginner Archery Training: Conducted by certified instructors. Open to beginners and novice shooters.
Youth Fun Shoot: Open to children. Non-competitive shoot for fun and to instill proper form and safety skills.
Tomahawk Throwing: Non-competition - test your throwing skills. Instruction will be provided. Open to 18 and over for safety reasons. Throwing open all afternoon but **only when supervising personnel are present.**
Maamišaahkwaheetaawi - Lacrosse Shootout: In this skills competition, players get five shots at a target mounted to a goal. In each elimination round, the highest scorers advance until only two remain. The winner goes home with a brand new pakitahaakani (lacrosse stick). Equipment will be provided for the competition, but participants can use their own sticks.

NOON LUNCH PROVIDED TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE

1:30 p.m. ARCHERY COMPETITIONS BEGIN

Novice Challenge: Open to inexperienced shooters. Participants will use equipment provided by the Cultural Resources Office to participate on an even playing field with other shooters. Awards will be given. One practice round followed by scoring round with shoot offs for ties.

Recurve Challenge: Experienced archers challenge each other's skills with personally owned **recurve** bows from a greater distance. **ONLY RECURVE BOWS** welcome for this event. Awards will be given. One practice round followed by a scoring round with shoot off for ties. (Shooters without bows can participate but will use equipment provided by the Cultural Resources Office).

Long Bow Challenge: Open to all shooters. Test your skills on a handmade historically accurate longbow. One practice round followed by one scoring round with shoot off for ties. Awards will be given.

6 p.m. Dinner followed by a mahkisina tournament. Bring wagers valued up to \$10. Wagers can be handmade, or monetary.

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Friday, June 24

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY GATHERING

Location: MYAAMIA COMMUNITY CENTER - 2319 W. Newman Road, Miami, OK

Events: COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, LACROSSE GAME, LUNCH, PRESENTATIONS

This year our Family Day begins with breakfast at the Myaamia Community Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. After breakfast George Ironstrack will give a short presentation on Myaamia pakitahaminki (lacrosse) and then we will head to the game field for a community lacrosse game! If you have your own stick please bring it, if not we have plenty of sticks here. Lunch will be served after the game in the cool of the Myaamia Center. After lunch we will have cultural learning presentations and hand out t-shirts to those present.

9 a.m. Breakfast - followed by a short presentation by George Ironstrack on myaamia pakitahaminki/lacrosse.

10:30 a.m. Community Lacrosse Game - on the Myaamia game field behind the Council House. Sticks provided, or bring your own.

NOON LUNCH PROVIDED

1:30 p.m. Cultural Education Presentations on language, Myaamia names and games.

17th ANNUAL MIAMI NATION POWWOW - June 24th & 25th

Location: Miami Nation Dance Grounds - 2319 W. Newman Road, Miami, OK. (Located behind the Myaamia Council House)

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[*In case of rain, alternate location for pow wow - NEO College Student Activity Center](#)

*See Miami Nation PowWow Flier for specific head staff information, arena times, etc.

*See map on page ????

Saturday, June 25th

ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Myaamia Council House - 2319 W. Newman Road, Miami, OK

Breakfast will be served at the Myaamia Community Center beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting of the General Council begins promptly at 9 a.m. in the Council House.

Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Following lunch, an Open House gathering will be held at the Nation's new headquarters located at 3410 P. Street NW, in Miami. See map on page???

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Final evening - 17th ANNUAL MIAMI NATION POWWOW, JUNE 24th & 25th

See enclosed Pow Wow Flier

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7th Biennial Myaamiaki Conference, continued from page 1A

By Daryl Baldwin, Director, Myaamia Center

ed by what we know and feel, and strengthened by what we share. Iišinaakwahki iišinaakwahki - it is that way.

This year's conference is dedicated to the recognition that all of what we do as a tribal community is interwoven into a larger tapestry of existence. The collective threads that we weave whether woven in Oklahoma, here at Miami University or in our own individual lives, bind us and prepare us for life. Every two years we look forward to gathering at this time to share and learn from each other as we celebrate all that we do as Myaamia People.

Our speaker lineup was diverse in topics and represented a depth and breadth of knowledge sources that we are using to shape our future educational efforts.

-David J. Costa, Myaamia Center & Jarrid Baldwin, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Cultural Resources Office - Public Launch of the Miami-Illinois Digital Archive (MIDA) and the online Myaamia Dictionary.

Mike Gonella, Santa Barbara Community College - Differences in Pre- and Post-Removal Myaamionki Ecology and Its Effects on the Myaamiaki.

-Dr. G. Susan Mosley Howard, Miami University & Haley A. Strass, Iowa State University. Validating the Impact of Picking Up Threads of Knowledge.

-Joshua Sutterfield, University of Arkansas. Weaving Myaamia Culture: Creating Myaamia Space through Revitalization and Cultural Education.

-Meghan Dorey, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. ni-

wiinsooninaana: Utilizing Archival Documentation to Recover Traditional Names and Naming Practices.

-Dr. Tracy Hirata-Edds, University of Kansas & Jessie Seddelmeyer, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. maantihsooli nipwaantiikaaninki: montessori in the Myaamia schoolhouse.

-Robert G. Keller, Miami University & Miami Students - The Myaamia Tribute project: A Collaboration Between the Miami Tribe and Miami University.

Hopefully some of you were able to watch part of the conference from our live stream on the Myaamia Center Facebook. Over 1,000 individuals clicked on the live stream link posted during conference day. We hope to offer more opportunities for online participation in the future.

During the beginning of this year's conference the Myaamia Center staff and current tribal students publically thanked tribal leadership for their ongoing support in the development of the educational opportunities at Miami University. A gift was presented to each tribal leader. The next academic school year will see our largest tribal student group ever on campus. We anticipate over 30 tribal students next fall.

The conference concluded with a Stomp Dance at the Armstrong Student Center co-sponsored by Late Night Miami, the Office of Residence Life, the Center for American and World Cultures, the Myaamia Center and Miami Tribe Relations. Shawnee 2nd Chief Ben Barnes organized a group of callers and shakers (14 people in all) who were willing to make the 650 mile road trip from Oklahoma to Oxford, Ohio to be the central figures for a stomp

dance on campus. Ben also served as the MC for the event and provided good orientation and instructions for how to appropriately participate. Many Tribe officials and conference participants, already familiar with stomp dance, jumped right in when it was time to enter the arena and helped model what to do for the Miami University students who were eager to participate. More and more people gained confidence and joined in as the dances continued. In the breaks that were needed for the callers and shakers to rest, there were Myaamia games to play, a small felt ribbonwork square to make, and three artists to visit who were happy to sell their artwork.

This was the 3rd stomp dance to occur at Miami University. The first one was back in September 1998 when Steve Kinder, Kevin Dawes, and James Squirrel were the callers and Patty Shinn, Debbie Dick, Marissa Dick, Theresa Stand, and Kimberly Wade were the shakers. The second occurred in October 2000 when James Squirrel, Dee Ketchum, Mike Pace and John Ballard were the callers and Annette Ketchum, Ella Pace & Teresa Bradsky were the shakers. The travelers this year were Ben Barnes, Roy Baldrige, Corey Winesburg, Kayne Leatherman, Tanner Winesburg, Nancy Boyett, Ruthe Blalock-Jones, Mikayla Wildcat, Sean Rigney, Mindy Henneha, Sherman Tiger, Joe Blanchard, Paula Peyketewa and Eben Watashe. Thanks to them for introducing a whole new generation and the current campus community to this fun activity.

And finally a mihi-neewe to all the speakers, Myaamia Center staff, MU students/faculty/staff, Miami Tribe Alumni, tribal leadership, and community members for attending and supporting this event. We look forward to our next conference in spring 2018.



Myaamia citizen Joshua Sutterfield presents his topic "Creating Myaamia Space through Revitalization and Cultural Education" during the 2016 Biennial Myaamiaki Conference at Miami University. Photo by Jonathan Fox, Myaamia Center.

Myaamia Center Completes 2 Year NEA Ribbonwork Project

By Daryl Baldwin, Director, Myaamia Center

This spring concluded a two year grant provided to the Myaamia Center by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for the peepankišaapiikahkia eehkwaatamenkia: Myaamia Ribbonwork Project (#14-5500-7032). The project idea was proposed in March of 2013 to the Myaamia Center by Dr. Alysia Fischer, who is a lecturer at the Center for American and World Cultures at Miami University. After consultation with the Miami Tribe's Cultural Resources office, it was determined to be a project worth pursuing and the grant was submitted. The goal of this project was to complete previous research into historical examples of Myaamia ribbonwork from national archives and to create learning aids and workshops in hopes of stimulating community interest in revitalization of this unique myaamia art form.

Andrew Strack served as project leader working with Karen Baldwin (CRO employee) and Dr. Fischer to plan and organize the workshops and develop the learning aids, which included an instructional booklet and video. The first two workshops were lead by Karen and Dr.

Scott Shoemaker, who are both known in the community as accomplished ribbonwork artisans. The outcome was encouraging with four separate workshops held in nooŝonke (Miami), Oklahoma and kiihkayonki (Fort Wayne), Indiana. The last two workshops were directly supported by the Cultural Resources Office (CRO), while the NEA grant supported the first two. In all, nearly 170 tribal members participated in all four workshops, which likely produced the most myaamia ribbonwork seen in years.

This project was a great success thanks to all who helped make it happen and those of you who were able to participate. It is our hope that many of you will continue to explore the many design options and share your work with other community members. The instructional booklet will be mailed, one to each tribal household and additional copies will be available after community distribution. We hope those of you who participated will continue learning and sharing your projects with the community. Keep watching the Miami Tribe's facebook for future related events and shared projects.



George Ironstrack gave a presentation on the history of ribbonwork during the 2016 Winter Gathering, in Miami, OK. Photo by Jonathan Fox, Myaamia Center.



Choice, Audio Input Merge Under TSI: Global Companies form with St. Louis-based Subsidiary of Miami Nation Enterprises Staff Article

Two companies underneath Innovative Objects have merged with a St. Louis-based telecommunications firm owned by the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Audio Input and Choice Technologies, both subsidiaries of Miami-owned Innovative Objects, have merged with TSI Global and will now do business under the company's name, according to Mark Haynes, Joplin Executive Director of Operations, and Stephen Wood, TSI Vice President of Sales.

TSI is one of 19 companies owned by Miami Nation Enterprises around the country. Founded in 1986 in St. Louis, the company builds and installs telecommunications systems, data Systems, and video and audio systems for commercial and municipal clients. The company had \$27 million in sales last year and employs nearly 150 between two locations in St. Louis and Springfield, according to Chief Operations Officer Bill Mueller.

"There were so many commonalities between TSI and what the Choice Technologies and Audio Input divisions of Innovative Objects did, and it made sense to merge them together under one umbrella," Wood said.

Audio Input was acquired by Innovative Objects in 2012. The company builds and installs home theater entertainment systems, as well as residential audio and video systems. Choice Technologies – which Innovative acquired in 2013 – is a business-to business communications company specializing in telephony, structured cabling and fiber optic systems for industry and large-scale operations.

The two companies have 13 employees together, according to Haynes, and all were retained in the merger.

Bringing the companies' efforts all under one roof – a roof owned by a much larger firm – gives them a strategic foothold on which to impact the market, according to Miami Nation Enterprises CEO Joe Frazier.

"Innovative Objects had these two companies – Audio and Choice – neither of which were big enough to have a real impact on the market," Frazier said. "And here Miami owns TSI, and established and full-strength telecommunications firm. It made sense to merge those entities and help those companies provide more value to the marketplace."

Frazier said that with the sharing of resources and the efficiency of scale, the newly merged company can take on larger projects, projects that wouldn't have been feasible for the two companies before.

"They couldn't have taken on the Joplin High School project or the Mercy Hospital project," Frazier said. "They didn't have the scale. But as TSI, they'll be able to bid on projects that in the past they didn't have the wherewithal to take on."

"Miami Nation tries to be a good partner," he said. "We can provide capital for companies that are in growth mode, and this company is in growth mode. We're trying our best to become self-sufficient as a tribal nation, and by diversifying and backing up growing companies, we set ourselves up for that."

Frazier said that the tribe doesn't intend to change the modern culture that Innovative has pioneered in the market – the "Google" style office place, with video games in the break rooms, soda fountains, organized game tournaments, flex time and other amenities that appeal to millennial workers.

"I think that culture is very effective for this type of business," he said. "We value it and we recognize that this type of culture allows creative to achieve at the highest level."

US Senator James Lankford Visits Miami Tribe Business By Emilee Truelove, Media Specialist

June 2, 2016 was a rainy day in northeast Oklahoma, but it did not hinder the tour of local businesses planned by a United States Senator. Senator James Lankford was in Miami to hold a town hall style luncheon at the historic Coleman Theater and to visit several businesses on Main Street as part of his district tour.

Members of the Miami Tribe Business Committee welcomed him to the Tribe's building at 28 N. Main which houses the ClayStation, the Myaamia Foundation's paint-your-own-pottery studio, and also is the future site of the Myaamia Heritage Museum and Archive

and the Tribe's new gift shop "myaamia ataweelenikaani - The Miami Trading Post".

Oklahoma State Representative Ben Loring, City of Miami Mayor Rudy Schultz and City Manager Dean Kruthof accompanied Senator Lankford on the tour. They expressed their support and gratitude for the developments the Tribe is bringing to the new arts district in Downtown Miami.

To welcome the Senator, the Tribe served fresh fry bread to all of the guests joining him on the tour.



Chief Doug Lankford met briefly with U.S. Senator James Lankford during the Senator's recent visit to Miami, OK. Staff photo.



First Councilperson Donya Williams, right, and Media Specialist Emilee Truelove cooked and served fresh fry bread in front of one of the Tribe's buildings in downtown Miami, during a City tour by U.S. Senator James Lankford. Staff photo.



Myaamia Heritage Museum & Arhive Manager Meghan Dorey was on hand during the recent visit of U.S. Senator James Lankford to the MHMA's new exhibit space in downtown Miami, OK. Staff photo.

The new "Miami Trading Post" gift shop will open on June 23, 2016. The shop is located inside the Miami Tribe's 28 N. Main business building in downtown Miami, OK. Special hours during the National Gathering week are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 23rd, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 24th, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on June 25th. Regular hours, beginning Monday, June 27, will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Toledo Museum of Art Indigenous Beauty Exhibit

By Diane Hunter, THPO

The Toledo Museum of Art in Ohio is hosting an exhibition of Indigenous Beauty: Masterworks of American Indian Art from the Diker Collection.

This exhibit features items from the collection of Native American art acquired by Charles and Valerie Diker over more than 40 years. The works of art in the exhibition were created by Native Americans from tribes across the continental United States, Alaska, and Canada. The items are mostly from the 19th century, though some are from earlier or later periods. They all were selected by the Dikers for the beauty they saw in them.

Diane Hunter, Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, was invited along with Eastern Shawnee Chief Glenna Wallace, Seneca-Cayuga Chief Paul Barton, and artist Richard Zane Smith (Wyandotte) to attend the opening events on February 11 – 12. They each spoke briefly at exhibition opening and were guests at the opening events. Chief Barton and Richard also sang and played a water drum at one of the events.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Program is funded through an annual renewing grant from the National Park Service Tribal Preservation Program.



Diane Hunter, Miami Tribe Historic Preservation Officer, was invited to address the crowds gathered for the opening of the “Indigenous Beauty” exhibit at the Toledo Museum of Art in February, 2016.

Emergency Mgmt Department Hosts Training

By Emilee Truelove, Media Specialist

In May, the Emergency Management Department hosted the D.A.R.K. (Direct Action Response Kit) Tactical Aid Course at the Council House. As part of the Tribe’s commitment to workplace safety and national security, several employees from five different departments attended the training. Employees from other tribal nations attended also.

The training fills a niche between military self-aid/buddy care training and civilian EMS training, but it is geared towards participants with little to no medical training or background. It provides the student with critical skills that can be utilized in a myriad of situations.

Emergency Management Director Scott Wil-

lard said, “The Emergency Management Office is committed to keeping our nation as safe and secure as possible. Dark Angel is another tool to do that. Our employees were able to experience hands-on training in real-life emergency situations. After intense training, they spent an entire afternoon of role playing where they walked up to medical emergencies and had to react based on the skills they had learned in the course. Of course we hope we never have to use it, but we must be prepared for any situation. Everyone who attended left the training with much more confidence and knowledge.”

For more information, visit www.darkangel-medical.com.



Participants in the D.A.R.K. Tactical Aid Course are pictured above. The event was hosted by the Miami Tribe Emergency Management Department. Tribal employee participants included Bob Kimpel, (front row, far left), Scott Willard (second from left, front row), Robin Lash (second from right, front row), Gage Lawson (third from left, back row), Emilee Truelove (sixth from left, back row), Mike Brown (third from right, back row), and Whitney Allen (second from right, back row).

Riverfront Water Quality Panel

By Doug

Peconge, Assistant THPO

On April 12, 2016 Doug Peconge, Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, attended the Riverfront Development panel discussion on water quality in Fort Wayne, IN. The panel included Dr. Robert Gillespie, Associate Professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne; Dan Wire, Tri-State Watershed Alliance director; Matt Jones, Water Resource Education Specialist for the Allen County Partnership for Water Quality, and Frank Suarez with Fort Wayne City Utilities. Brett Thomas from the local CBS affiliate facilitated the Panel discussion.

Mr. Suarez discussed in length the city’s project to separate storm drains from the city sewers. The EPA requires the city to reduce the number of combined sewer overflows into the rivers from 70 to 4. The project is about 40% planned and the city was already begun the work of separating some of the sewer storm drains. The tunnel will start the sewage processing plant and end near Indian Village Park. The tunnel depth will be between 150 and 250 feet deep. The project will be completed by 2022 per the city’s agreement with the EPA.

Dr. Gillespie discussed the monitoring of the rivers. He and volunteers monitor 24 sites along the area rivers. He discussed the primary pollutants of the rivers. The three main

contributors to water pollution are suspended solids, fecal matter and phosphates. He said that most of the upper watershed pollutants are agricultural related. The kociihsippiwi (St. Joseph River) watershed was mainly grain related pollutant while the nameewa (St. Mary’s River) siippiwi watershed pollutants were farm animal waste.

Mr. Wire gave a brief overview of the Tri-State Watershed Alliance. He discussed the recreational activities on the rivers such as boating, and fishing. He also talked about using common sense when interacting with the river.

Mr. Jones discussed his role with the rivers and water quality. He explained things he does to educate the public about water quality and the rivers.

The panel spent the remaining hour answering questions from the public. It seemed the bulk of the questions had to do with agricultural runoff and what can be done to reduce it. A few questions were about how to get access to the rivers for recreational activities. A couple of questions were related to water testing and the timeliness of getting results to the community. In general people wanted to know when is it safe to use the rivers and what can be done to improve water quality.

CRO Holds Language Workshop in Washington State

By Jarrid Baldwin, Myaamia Community Language Program Manager

This spring we had the third Language & Culture Workshop for our myaamia relatives in the Pacific Northwest. The workshop was held March 4-5 in Pasco, WA.

We had 15 participants, some returned from last year and some were new faces. We worked on everything from genealogy to language to games.

Friday night we jumped right into language, helping everyone remember what greetings they had learned from the past year’s workshop. Later on we played seensewinki, also known as the bowl game, a favorite past time at many of our other events and camps.

We told aacimoona neehi aalshoohaana, historical stories and winter stories, in the language so that they would have the opportunity to hear stories as others in Indiana and Oklahoma get to do each winter. This was the first time we told stories at one of the workshops and it led to a great discussion about the characters and events in the stories. I look forward to doing it again next year.

The following day we learned more language that can be used in the home such as family terms and parting terms. We played more games like mahkisina eeyoonki mihkintiinki, the Moccasin game, which is a traditional hide

and seek game. We also discussed all the available resources for them to learn more about myaamia history, language, arts, genealogy and more.

The weekend was a lot of fun. It was a chance for us to meet more myaamiaki and to hear more stories about their lives and families. I look forward to many more workshops out in the Pacific Northwest.

If anyone is reading this and would like to learn more about these Language & Culture Workshops and find out if one is in their area, feel free to contact me at jbaldwin@miamination.com or call at 918-961-1422



Cultural Resources Extension Office Hosts Ribbonwork Workshop

By Doug Peconge, Assistant THPO

On Saturday April 23, 2016, the Cultural Resource Extension Office (CREO) hosted the fourth in a series of Ribbonwork classes at Fox Island County Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Seventeen tribal citizens participated in the fourth workshop. Some tribal citizens who participated in an NEA workshop last summer tackled a second, more complex pattern than the beginners.

The workshop began with Karen Baldwin, Special Project Researcher for the Tribe, showing the group examples of ribbonwork and then demonstrating the

sewing process. Using an overhead camera Karen gave step-by-step instruction on how to create a ribbon pattern. Each participant received a sewing kit and material to make their own ribbonwork.

Ribbonwork is a traditional Myaamia way of sewing ribbons into diamond patterns for decorating clothing. With funding from a National Endowment for the Arts grant, Karen and others have developed and taught these workshops as part of the revitalization of this art form in our community.

The CREO plans to host future opportunities for citizens to gather.



Twenty myaamia citizens enrolled in the ribbonwork workshop hosted in late April this year by the Miami Tribe's Cultural Resources Extension Office, located in Fort Wayne, IN. The workshop was taught by Karen Baldwin. Photo by Karen Baldwin.



Cultural Resources Office Hosts Spring Gathering

By Doug Peconge, Assistant THPO

The Cultural Resources Extension Office (CREO) hosted a community gathering and lacrosse game on May 7th. The event took place at the CREO on Trentman Road in Fort Wayne.

It was a beautiful sunny day in kiihkayonki with the temperature reaching 77 degrees. It was perfect weather for a BBQ and lacrosse. Tribal citizens and their families enjoyed food, fellowship, and some friendly

competition. The CREO provided hamburgers and hot dogs while community members brought side dishes to complete the meal. After lunch the young and young at heart spent the rest of the afternoon playing lacrosse.

We are looking forward to the next opportunity for Peekitahaminki.



Myaamia people love to play peekitahaminki. The photos above were taken during a community game held at the Cultural Resources Extension Office in Fort Wayne, IN, in early May, 2016. Photos by Jonathan Fox, Myaamia Center.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Meets With Army Corp of Engineers Staff Article

The work of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) involves frequent communication with Federal government agencies, such as the Department of Transportation and the Army Corps of Engineers, to review proposed projects under the agency's jurisdiction. Generally, the communication occurs by email or occasionally by telephone. Face-to-face consultation is much less frequent. All these communications are formal and focused. As THPO for the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Diane Hunter finds she is frequently emailing the same people without knowing anything about them except their names. Diane has found that in-person, less formal meetings ease the flow of communication and create understanding of the needs of both parties in the communication. To that end, Melyssa Navis of the Regulatory Branch of the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invited Diane to visit the Army Corps at their Chicago office.

As the American Indian/Alaska Native

Special Emphasis Program Manager, Melyssa took the lead in arranging a day for Diane to get to know the staff and operations of the Regulatory Branch. The Chicago District covers six counties in Illinois and 2 1/3 counties in north-west Indiana. Over a pizza lunch, Diane met and learned the roles of each of the staff, each of whom has specific counties of responsibility, and she talked briefly about the Miami Tribe, our history and our areas of interest.

In the afternoon, Melyssa and Kim Kubiak, Biologist and Program Manager, explained details about the Army Corps, such as the fact that the Army Corps does the job of the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the navigable waters of the United States. Diane learned that for the Army Corps, navigable waters has a very specific meaning, determined by factors such as whether the body of water is open to barge traffic, has ever been susceptible to trade, drains to a navigable river, or is a wetland that directly abuts a river. Certain waters

fall under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and others under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Melyssa and Kim talked about the legal definition of a wetland and the type of water, soil and vegetation that make a landscape a wetland. Melissa and Kim also explained details about the Army Corps' complex permitting process that impact the work Diane does as THPO.

Diane found the visit to be very informative, but the best part of the visit was developing a more personal relationship with the Chicago District staff. They offered to answer any questions that arise as she works with any Army Corps District, and she has already had the opportunity to take advantage of that offer. Even formal communications are more pleasant with a known face behind the name.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Program is funded through an annual renewing grant from the National Park Service Tribal Preservation Program.

New Exhibition Space for Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive

By Meghan Dorey, Manager, Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive

The Myaamia Heritage Museum and Archive is in the process of planning a new exhibition to be displayed within the building at 28 N Main, downtown Miami. The exhibition, titled 'aah-pici aalshoohkiiyankwi' is based on the smaller exhibit created last year for presentation at the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency at Piqua, Ohio.

The exhibit, in place for nearly a year, was well received by over 8,000 visitors, including many school-age children. The iteration of the exhibit currently being installed will expand on the ideas of landscape, governance and sovereignty, games and music, and language and education. The art, artifacts, photographs, and documents displayed in the exhibit will tell a bit of history of the myaamia, and show how the Nation's culture is alive and thriving today.

The title of the exhibit comes from an artwork by Cultural Resources Officer Julie Olds, which features three painted canvases. The elements included in each of the canvases symbolize different aspects of myaamia culture, and the way they have continued over various periods of history.

By creating an exhibit gallery in the historic district of downtown Miami, we are hopeful to be more accessible to both tribal members as well as the general Miami community, in addition to visitors of Route 66. We are also hopeful to assist with other arts-based activities in conjunction with ArtWorx and The Clay Station, which are also located within the building.

In addition to the remodeled gallery space, a gift shop for Miami Nation products such as t-shirts, license plates, and books is planned. Both the museum gallery and gift shop are anticipated to be open by the last week of June for National Gathering events.



The Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive is proud to announce its new exhibit space inside the Miami Tribe's 28 N. Main business building in downtown Miami, OK.

Veteran's Benefit

The Miami Nation Veteran's Benefit was announced during the 2014 Annual General Council Meeting. It is designed to work just like the Tribe's existing elders and disability benefit debit cards. **Veterans will receive a debit card, pre-loaded with \$500 to help with healthcare expenses.** If you are an elder and a veteran, you will receive an additional \$250, a total of \$750 on your card.

Veterans must apply through the Tribal Enrollment Office and provide proof of honorable or medical discharge, or current service status. The application can be downloaded from the Tribal website at www.miamination.com. If you have additional questions, please contact Tera Hatley at 918-541-1324.

Spring Presentations in Indiana

By Diane Hunter, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

A sign that the Tribe is making inroads and connections in Indiana through the Cultural Resources Extension Office in Fort Wayne is the invitations the staff has received to present to various groups in the State. In just one month, from the end of April through mid-May, the CREO staff gave presentations at a conference, to a Rotary club and at two schools.

At Preserving Historic Places: Indiana's Statewide Preservation Conference on April 28, 2016, Diane Hunter, Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, gave a well-attended and well-received talk on challenges the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma faces in preserving our historic sites. She was one of three panelists at a session entitled: "Interpreting and Preserving the Buildings of Underrepresented Communities," along with Brent Leggs, Senior Field Officer, National Trust for Historic Preservation and Harvard Loeb Fellow, and Jordan Ryan, Public History Graduate Student, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. Given that few buildings of historic importance to the Miami Tribe still exist in Indiana, Diane's presentation expanded the topic to include a variety of historic places, as well as a brief summary of the Tribe's history.

Beyond the presentation, the conference provided a chance for Diane and colleague Doug Peconge, Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, to get to know others in the state of Indiana involved in historic preservation, including people from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and the Indiana State Library.

Diane had another opportunity to share the Tribe's past and present with Hoosiers at the Fort Wayne Rotary Club on May 9. In her presentation entitled, "The Miami: A Living People With a Past," Diane discussed the history of

the Tribe in Indiana and through the removals to Kansas and then Oklahoma. She also talked about the Tribe today, explaining the Tribal government and sovereignty. After the presentation, several Rotarians asked questions about the Tribe's history and language and the connection with Miami University.

Doug and Diane together gave eight presentations in one day at the Woodlan Elementary School's Fine Arts Day on May 12. In keeping with the day's theme, Doug and Diane taught the children about Miami ribbonwork. They talked about village life of our Miami ancestors and showed examples of ribbonwork. The children were given construction paper pre-cut into the shape of folded ribbons, and they made small samples of paper ribbonwork to take home. Woodlan is located in Woodburn, Indiana, east of Fort Wayne. All 450 students in grades K-6th attended these sessions, with an average of about 55 students in each session.

On May 20, Doug and Diane presented to 300 K-6th graders in six sessions at Rome City Elementary School, north of Fort Wayne, on their Native American Day. These sessions focused on village life and the roles of men and women in the villages, including the foods our ancestors commonly ate. The younger children learned the "Aya Aya" song, and all children left knowing the words "aya" (hello) and šaaye (bye).

The CREO staff looks forward to additional upcoming opportunities to present at local libraries, as well as at Indiana bicentennial celebrations.

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Miami Tribe Police Fleet Gets New Look

Staff Article

Tribal citizens living in, or near, Miami, Oklahoma, will soon see a very recognizable design on the Miami Tribe police cars. The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma owns a fleet of eight vehicles assigned to the Nation's Police Department, on which a new graphic design has been applied making them readily recognizable. According to the Tribes Chief of Police, Ronnie Gilmore,

the new design was requested to make the vehicles easily recognized and to show Tribal identity by the inclusion of the Tribal seal and a diamond pattern in the colors of the directions and the signature icon of sandhill cranes in flight. The new design will be applied to all vehicles in the Police fleet.



The Miami Tribe's police fleet has a new look with graphics that include the Nation's seal and a diamond pattern representing all ages of the community they serve. Staff photo.

The new
Miami Trading Post Gift Shop
 will open on **June 23, 2016** at
28 N. Main, Miami, OK.
 Watch the Tribe's website at
www.miamination.com
 in mid-July for a link to a the new
 gift shop website and online store.



Tribes Helping Monarchs, One Milkweed at a Time

By Melinda Stotts, Miami News Record - Reprinted with permission.

MIAMI – Without Monarch butterflies the world would certainly be less beautiful but also these pollinators serve a crucial role in ecology.

Two local Native American tribes, the Miami and Eastern Shawnee Tribes of Oklahoma, along with five other Oklahoma tribes, are part of efforts to help the monarch's rebound after their numbers have alarmingly plummeted.

Experts estimate one billion monarchs migrated across America in 1996 and the number is now down to less than 35 million with a slight rebound in the last few years, but the butterflies are still too few in number.

Several members of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, tribal leaders, employees, and their children planted 2,500 small milkweed plants to help sustain monarchs at tribal headquarters last week.

"What's happened with the monarch, the catastrophic loss of the monarch, losing over 90 percent of the population in less than 20 years, it is the canary in the coal mine of all the pollinators," Euchee Butterfly Farm director Jane Breckinridge said. "Feeling bad about the loss of the monarchs, feeling bad about the pollinators, you know that's not enough. What we have to do is convert education into action because ultimately what is going to save us, because we are at a crossroads of a collapse in the ecosystem, are individuals who are willing to go out there and make a difference."

The vividly colorful orange, black and white butterflies usually have a wingspan of 3 to 4 inches and are pollinators that move pollen in flowers and other plants contributing to the health of the planet.

Working together, the tribes and the Euchee Butterfly Farm of Bixby and the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch program, funded by \$250,000 in grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation are endeavoring to plant milkweed and other nectar producing plants to help save this butterfly species.

"Milkweed is almost their sole habitat, they lay eggs on milkweed. The caterpillars after they hatch feed on milkweed, so without milkweed they can't go through their entire life cycle. They smell it when they fly over," said Dustin Olds, the Miami Tribe's Natural Resource Officer and Second Chief. "Last fall I saw a lot of monarchs around here."

The Miami Tribe came on board the project with enthusiasm.

"Jane reached out to a lot of the tribes in Oklahoma and by coincidence I had seen a news piece on TV with Chip Taylor of Monarch Watch was explaining the problems with habitat and so it all just came together," Olds said.

Olds said the tribe would be planting milkweed at different tribal facilities.

"The Miami Nation has been so forward thinking on this. They were early on one of the tribal partners who committed and really, really understood and were willing to put their resources behind it," Breckinridge said. "They were one of the reasons we were able to put this coalition together and make this happen because of their unwavering support."

The endeavor is a perfect project for the tribes with Native American traditional goals of respecting nature and the earth. Wild milkweed vegetation is used by monarchs to lay eggs, and their larvae feed on the plant.

Cattle can experience stomach problems after ingesting milkweed and the plant is often destroyed by ranchers and farmers for practical agricultural purposes, but also spraying weed-killer and pesticides results in the destruction of vital habitat for the monarchs. Deer often eat



Miami Tribe Second Chief Dustin Olds (right) was interviewed by local television following a milkweed planting event hosted by the Miami Tribe as part of a large, grant funded, monarch habitat restoration project. Staff photo.

the seed pods of milkweed.

"We are planting 2,500 plants today, but we are losing one to two million acres a year to development of lost habitat and if you try and think about how fast we have to be planting stuff back to even break even, much less to try to make any difference," Breckinridge said. "Particularly because agriculture has intensified and the use of round up ready crops has increased.

Area droughts can also wreak havoc on milkweed growth.

"Around here we traditionally have a lot of common milkweed plants and a couple of other types, but the droughts in 2011 and 2012 were really tough on the milkweed populations," Olds said. "Around here it's not so much farming practices affecting the plants as the big droughts. We're working to restore some native grasses and native prairies and habitat and integrating agriculture and all facets of natural resource management together because they don't have to be antagonistic. This goes along with the Tribe's efforts to make some improvement in our natural resource base. There's no need for a species like the monarch to be extinct."

The Butterfly Conservation Initiative reports that 24 species of butterflies and moths are currently listed as threatened or endangered in the United States alone. Monarchs and other butterflies are an important component of the food chain and serve as indicators of the ecological quality of a habitat. They are particularly important in the pollination and reproduction of native plant species.

"I can't believe we actually made it to this day. I'm so happy. It is progress and to see people coming together is great and they're having so much fun. There's a value that goes way beyond just supporting the monarchs it's a chance for people to get out there and get their hands

dirty and those kids to know that their actions will save thousands of butterflies — it's wonderful," Breckinridge said. The hope is to restore monarch habitat and ecosystems and work with landowners, farmers and ranchers to create and leave spaces for the growth of natural vegetation.

Breckinridge said designating places in yards, farms, ranches and at work places as a toxic free zone where pesticides and herbicides aren't used is helpful to the monarchs and other pollinators.

"Anybody could do that. Not everybody is

Native American or a tribal member, but everybody is a member of a tribe, the human tribe and whether it's at your church, at your school, your business or your bowling league — places where you are — you need to go and say to the pastor, the store owner, the manager, why can't we have a non-toxic zone? Is our landscaping killing wildlife and not supporting it?" Breckinridge said.

According to Breckinridge many beautifully landscaped green spaces, look very pretty but are not they are a wasteland because they are being poisoned to create the manicured look.

"The benefits of leaving or creating habitat for wildlife are also how much you

will enjoy it. People don't realize is once you start making those little changes it is so rewarding to see these areas just brimming and exploding with life," she said. "So not only is it a good thing, it's really fun to watch.

The monarch butterflies winter in Mexico and fly north through Oklahoma and on to Canada making the tribes' efforts crucially important and also a leadership example in what can and must be done to save the species. Butterflies in the wild have only a five percent survival rate from egg to adult.



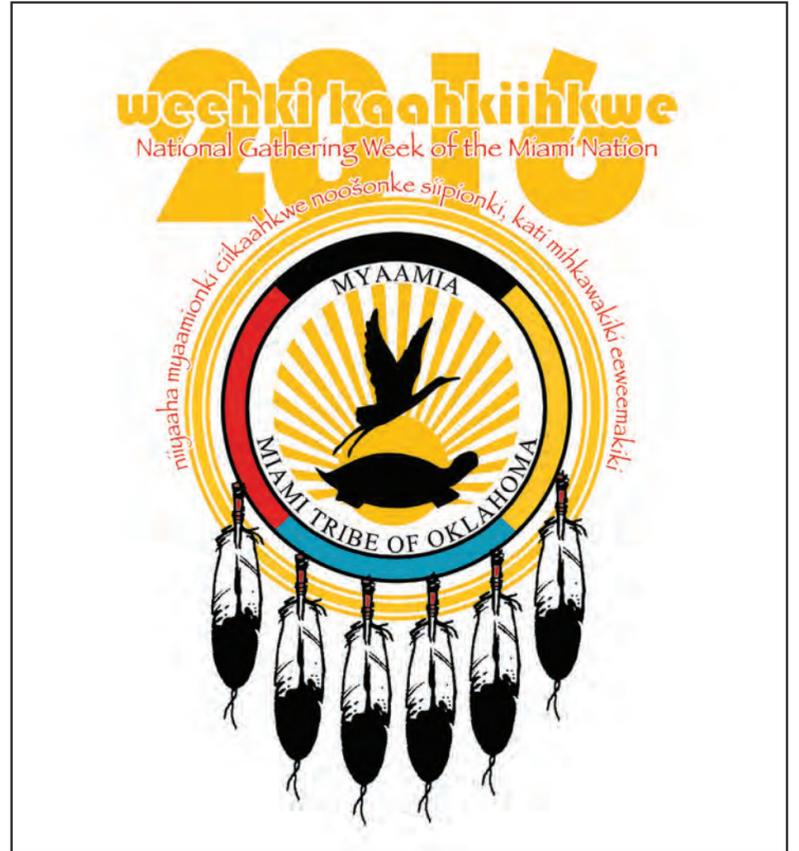
Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive Manager Meghan Dorey assists her son Josiah with getting a milkweed plant out of its container during the milkweed planting event hosted by the Tribe's Natural Resources Office. Meghan is married to Tribal citizen Matthew Dorey. Staff photo.

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Check it out ... monarchwatch.org

TShirt Designs For Family Day and National Gathering

For almost 16 years it has been the custom of Tribal Leadership to gift each person in attendance at the annual Family Day Gathering, and the Annual General Council Meeting, with a t-shirt designed by the Cultural Resources Office. The shirts are different each year and are designed to promote cultural awareness and personal Myaamia identity. The designs for the 2016 events are shown below. For citizens who do not attend these events, shirts may be purchased through the Tribe's gift shop beginning in July. Contact Tribal Headquarters at 918-541-1300, and watch the Tribal website at www.miamination.com for a link to a new gift shop online store currently under development.



Reminder: Miami Nation personal vehicle plates are available through the Miami Business & Regulatory Commission for \$15 per plate. Price includes shipping. Contact Tera Hatley at Tribal headquarters at 918-541-1300 or by email at thatley@miamination.com

COMING SOON: A new guide book on how to make Myaamia ribbonwork has been published by the Miami Tribe. The publication will be mailed to Tribal households in early July 2016. To ensure delivery of publications Tribal citizens are encouraged to check with the Enrollment Office to ensure a correct mailing address is on file.

Coming Soon!

Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive




Opening June 24th

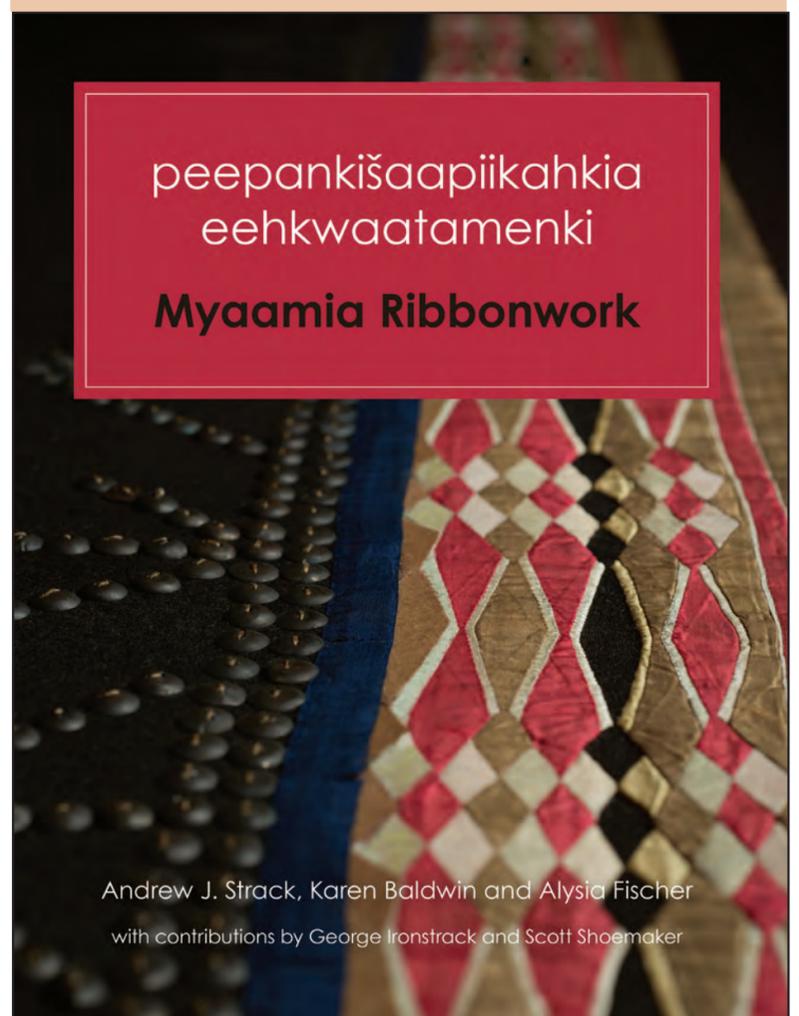





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Myaamia Ribbonwork

Andrew J. Strack, Karen Baldwin and Alysia Fischer
with contributions by George Ironstrack and Scott Shoemaker





waanantakhšinka ... Lying Quietly

Pauline McHenry Sines, 89, loving mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on May 13, 2016. A graveside service was held at 1:00 pm, Thursday, May, 19th, at the Iuka Township (I.O.O.F.) Cemetery in Pratt County, Kansas. Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Sines. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Stan Holmes of Wichita, Donna and Robert Lutes of Meridian, Idaho and Janie and Kerry Dover of Star, Idaho; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Share condolences online at www.Cozine-Memorial.com. Services by Broadway Mortuary.

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Leonard Learning Center Graduates

Leonard Learning Center held its annual Pre-K graduation ceremony at the Council House on the evening of May 3rd.

LLC Director Misty Ellison said, "We are extremely proud of the work the children and teachers put into graduation. Each child demonstrated one thing that they learned this year in pre-k. We appreciate the parents for choosing us to teach and care for their children."

Eleven students graduated to Kindergarten, two of whom were tribal members: Miss Hollyn, daughter of Gage and Lindsay Lawson, granddaughter of Julie Witcraft, and Miss Aaliyah, daughter of Jessica Williams and granddaughter of First Councilperson Donya Williams.

Congratulations and best wishes in Kindergarten!

Mayaawi teepi! Congratulations to Miami citizen Rachel Hall Eikenberry for being named Southwest Iowa 2A Coach of the Year by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association.



Rachel Hall Eikenberry



Congratulations to the this year's Pre-K graduation class of the Miami Tribe's Leonard Learning Center (LLC)! Pictured standing behind this special group are; Child Care Services Manager Tracy Rogers, Tribal Secretary-Treasurer Sarah (Lawson) Moore, Second Chief Dustin Olds, Chief Douglas Lankford, and Leonard Learning Center Director Misty Ellison.

Tribes Helping Monarchs...

By Melinda Stotts, Miami News Record - continued from page 1B.

"This problem is of such an enormous scope that it can't be fixed by the federal government, it can't be fixed by state government, it can't be fixed by tribal government, it's going to take very single citizen doing what they can," Breckinridge said.

According to Breckenridge, the butterflies of the Euchee Butterfly Farm are raised on site by tribal members, using ecologically sustainable methods, and sold to butterfly exhibits throughout North America and Europe. Additionally, the Euchee Butterfly Farm, is home to the Natives Raising Natives Project which provides training and start-up materials to tribal members in rural areas so that they can raise butterflies on their own land. More can be learned at www.nativebutterflies.org

"The efforts through this grant seem to creating so much attention that we're seeing more and more small scale projects," Olds said. "For us it's just a piece of the puzzle we intend to improve bobwhite quail habitat, prairie chicken habitat, and habitat for a lot of other upland birds and waterfowl and a whole range of species that we deal with here, whether we could harvest then for food or just enjoy."

Melinda Stotts is the associate editor of the Miami News-Record. She can be emailed at mstotts@miaminewsrecord.com or followed on Twitter @MelindaStotts1

Miami Citizen Kannon McCune Graduates with Honors

Congratulations to Miami citizen Kannon McCune on his graduation from Oklahoma Union High School on May 8th, 2016.

Kannon is the son of Becky and Ryan McCune. Grandparents are Tim and Jane LaFalier and great-grandparents are Ray and Helen LaFalier. Kannon will be attending Coffeyville Community College in the fall. He will be playing for the CCC baseball team.



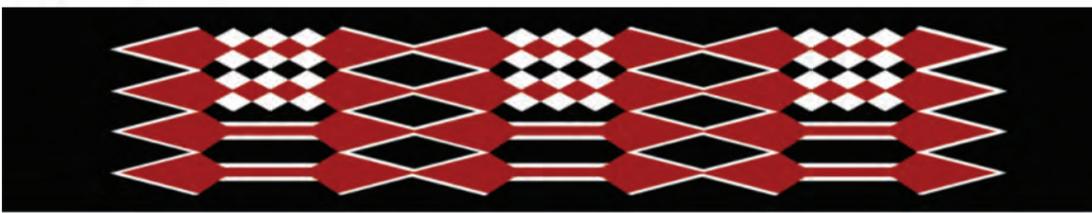
Kannon McCune is pictured with his award from Oklahoma Union.



Kannon McCune is pictured receiving honors from the Johnson O'Malley program at Oklahoma Union High School.

Contact Tera Hatley in the Enrollment Office Submit birth announcements, obituaries, and congratulatory news to Emilee Truelove at etruelove@miamination.com

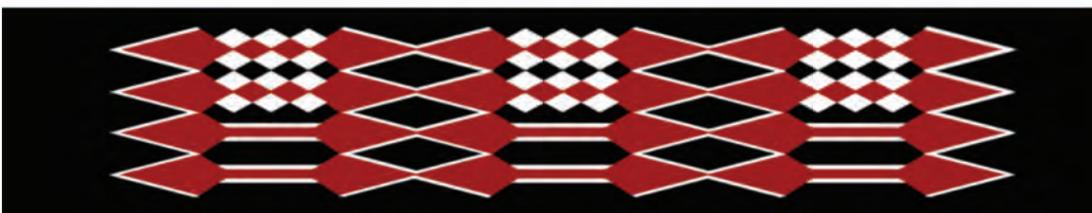
Tribal citizens are encouraged to keep their mailing addresses up to date to help ensure delivery of publications, letters and other Tribal mailings. The citizenship roll is kept in the Enrollment Office. Contact Tera Hatley to supply address changes, name changes, births and deaths. 918-541-1300 or by email at thatley@miamination.com



MIAMI TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA 2016 COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 11-15, 2016	kiihkayonki eewansaapita – Fort Wayne (Gloria Steed)
July 15, 2016	Fall Back-to-School Funds Application Due (Donya Williams)
September 17, 2016	Kansas Fall Gathering (Emilee Truelove)
September 24, 2016	Fort Wayne Fall Gathering (Emilee Truelove)
October 1, 2016	Fall Scholarship Application Due (Donya Williams)
December 1, 2016	Fall Back-to-School Funds Application Due (Donya Williams)
December 3, 2016	Children's Christmas Party (Darold Wofford)
January 27-28, 2017	Winter Gathering & Stomp Dance (Emilee Truelove)

Watch website for more information,
or call the Tribe at 918-541-1300



Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Scholarship Applications

Application Due Dates:

- Download applications from the miamination.com website. Search scholarships.
- The **FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**, which includes the Single Semester Scholarship and the Vocational and Technical School Scholarship, is **DUE in the Myaamia Education Office by OCTOBER 1, each year.**
- The **SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**, which includes the Myaamia Scholarship, The Casino/Economic Development Scholarship, The Crane Award, The Fresh Start Scholarship, the MBRC Continuing Education Award, the Josephine Goodboo Watson Memorial Book Scholarship and the Non-Traditional Scholarship, is **DUE in the Myaamia Education Office by April 1, each year.**
- LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**



NOTICE! BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUND APPLI- CATIONS HAVE CHANGED!

More information is now required and the applications will need to be signed at the bottom of the page. Please note the "Due into Office" date. Late applications will not be processed.

An application is available for download on the miamination.com website and on the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Facebook Page after the applications are mailed. Scheduled application mailings will be: Fall, around the 1st of August, and Spring, around the 1st of May.



Myaamia Education Office

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLI- CATIONS:

To download scholarship applications offered for Miami Tribe of Oklahoma enrolled members/citizens. Go to the Tribal website at <http://www.miamination.com> under "Education".

Links to other scholarships are also listed. Late applications will not be accepted. Also, check out the Tribal Website for new scholarship opportunities that have been sent from outside sources.

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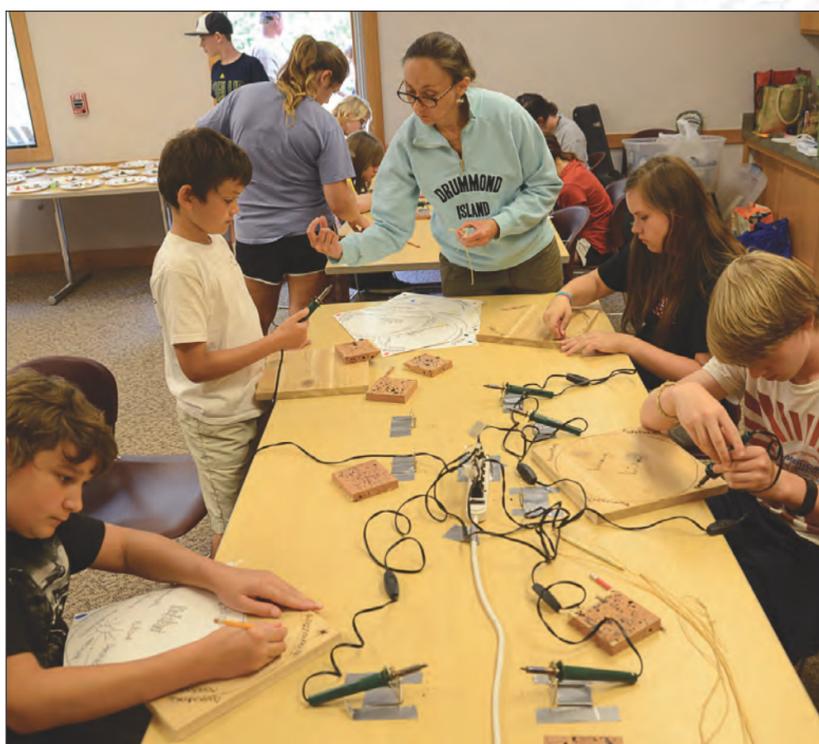
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- kiihkayonki – Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- mahkisina meehkintiinki – moccasin game
- meelotakahaminki – straw game
- peepeešolawaanki – archery

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