

Adawe News

October 2007

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 10, 2007 from 11:00 – 1:00. The tribe will provide the meat, stuffing, and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish. We will be giving flu shots this year at the Thanksgiving Dinner to all who are over 18. Starting with our Elders first that are 55 and older and those who are diabetic, have a heart condition, or other major illness. Shots will be given from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Veterans Pictures Needed

The Ottawa Tribe is looking for Pictures of Tribal Veterans. These photos will be added to our display case. Please send Photos to Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma Attn: Rhonda Dixon P.O. Box 110 Miami, OK 74355.



Christmas Party New Location

The Ottawa Tribal Christmas Party will be held on December 6, 2007 starting at 5:30 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m. The Christmas party will be held at the **Ottawa/Peoria Building (behind the Indian Clinic)** The tribe will be serving hot dogs.



CLAUDEAN EPPERSON

On June 5, 2007 we lost a very large piece of our history, tribal family, and wonderful woman, Claudean Epperson.

Claudean started with our office as a volunteer to create a tribal roll in the late 70's early 80's, at our 3rd street office and worked for us until her passing. Every morning she would come in and make home made biscuits and gravy for the staff and anyone else that use to stop by on their way to college or work.

Claudean was very proud of her Indian heritage and took very seriously her job as tribal enrollment clerk. She kept very detailed information on each tribal member old and new in her big roll-a-dex file she had and then in a Family Tree program on her computer. But she still kept the roll-a-dex file updated incase that computer broke. She kept the lineage of who belonged to whom all the way through that person's family history.

Claudean was not only the Tribal Roll Clerk, but every year she organized the Ottawa Tribe's Children's Christmas Party and enjoyed shopping for the kids and watching their faces when Santa would call their names to come up and sit on his lap to get their presents, candy, and their pictures taken. She loved seeing all the brand new Ottawa's opening their gifts.

But not only did Claudean keep her Tribal families together, she kept her own King family together by having the King Family Reunion at her home the same weekend in June every year.

How do I know so much about Claudean? She was my Aunt. I thank the good Lord every day that she was still with us when I was elected as second chief of the Ottawa Tribe. She was very proud to see a woman and a King to be elected as second chief. She is dearly missed by not only her Ottawa tribal family but also the King family.

Thank you Aunt Dean for all you have done for all of us, we miss you.

Ethel E. (King) Cook

Special points of interest:

- Ottawa University
- Adawe quilting class
- Language classes
- CCDF
- EPA News
- Coming events

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Adawe Community Center Grant

The Ottawa Tribe is pleased to let everyone know that we have received a \$800,000 HUD Grant to build a Community Center just north of our tribal Office. Part of the building will be used to expand our wellness program.

Enrollment Updates

The Ottawa Tribe will be sending out enrollment sheets to all enrolled members in the near future. Please fill them out and send them back in so that we make sure all information is correct.

FAQ

- **How do I enroll my child in the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma?**

All you need is to send their birth certificate to the Ottawa Tribe Enrollment.

- **Who do I contact for scholarship information?**

Please contact Cheryl Lewis @ BIA Office (405-605-6051 EXT.304)

- **Who do I call for:**

Housing	(918) 542-1873
Indian Clinic	(918) 542-1655
Commodities	(918) 542-3443
BIA	(918) 542-3396
ITC	(918) 542-4486
Otter Stop	(918) 542-3339
Casino information	(918) 541-9463

The Ottawa library is pleased to announce that we have several new children's books to check out. Also the Adawe language classes will be resuming soon. If you wish to join our classes please give me a call at 542-6162.

Library/Language

Websites of interest

www.anishinaabemdaa.com
www.kshs.org/cool3/meecker.htm
www.native-languages.org

CHR

News From the Desk of the CHR:

It is that time of the year we all enjoy so much. Flu Season is here. We will be giving flu shots at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 10th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. We will be having a health screening doing Cholesterol and glucose test, blood pressure, pulse and oxygen at the same time.

If you know a Senior Citizen (60+) who can use a Christmas Food Basket give me a call at 918 540-2377. they have to live in the Picher, Quapaw, Miami, and Commerce Areas.

New mothers if you have just found out that you are expecting your first child please contact Alta at 918-540-2377 she has a new program started for first time mothers.

Mom & Dads remember to keep up your child immunization. After each time you take your child in for their immunization on time the nurse will give you a voucher to receive some special products.

Thoughts from the Second Chief Ethel Cook

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank everyone that voted for me as Second Chief of the Ottawa Tribe.

I have been very active and learned so much since my election. I have really enjoyed meeting and hearing from our Tribal Members with their suggestions and concerns of how to move our Tribe forward in the future.

I think it is very important that we all take interest in our Tribal affairs and activities to keep us moving forward.

We have come a long way and I feel we have a very bright future ahead of us.

Together we will succeed.

Thank you,
 Ethel E. (King) Cook
 2nd Chief Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

Mold and Your Home

By Lori Payne

It's that thing we all dread. You're going along minding your own business and there it is...MOLD! That nasty black fuzzy growth that can get just about anywhere. Mold, however, is much more than a yucky nuisance. It can cause many problems for your home and your health.

Mold will grow and can multiply under the right conditions, needing only a small amount of moisture and an organic material on which to grow. Be on the lookout for common sources of mold growth in your home: flooding, roof leaks, plumbing leaks, damp basements, steam in the bathroom, the list goes on and on. If you have one or more of these conditions in your home, indicators of mold may include discoloration of the ceilings or walls, warping of the floor or condensation around the walls or windows. The best prevention for mold is to always clean up any wet areas as soon as possible, watch for any leaks and to keep your home at

low humidity. By doing these few simple tasks, you could be saving your home from a very costly fungus.

Mold isn't just ugly to look at, but it can also make you sick. The most common are allergic responses from breathing in the mold spores. One may have symptoms such as irritation of the eyes, nose, throat or lungs.

Other symptoms include: nasal and sinus congestion, itchy, red, watery eyes, skin irritation, like a rash or even a headache. Allergic responses can come from dead mold spores as well as living ones so killing them with bleach or any other household cleaner may not keep you from having an allergic response.

If you do have a mold problem, here are a few helpful tips on how to get rid of it. The source of water must be identified and corrected. Porous materials like drywall, ceiling tiles and carpeting with mold damage must be

discarded. All wet materials must be dried thoroughly and if that is not possible, they must also be discarded. Mold growing on hard surfaces, such as wood and concrete, can be cleaned with diluted detergent. If it is an extensive problem or if you are sensitive to mold, contact a professional to do the job. Continue to watch for new mold growth and signs of moisture. This may indicate the need for future repairs and removal.

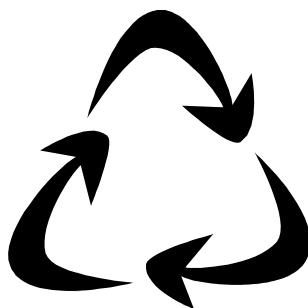
Recycling Program Continues

Cheryl Stafford

The environmental department is continuing our recycling efforts. You can drop your papers, cans, and #1 and #2 plastics off at our office anytime. There are indoor bins in the kitchen of the tribal office, as well as outdoor bins located just outside the door to the exercise facility. We appreciate those of you that have already participated in the program. With your help we manage to fill our large outdoor bin each week. Red Cedar Recycling picks-up at our office each Thursday.

A recycling program is continuing with Will Rogers Middle School, and Nichols Elementary School here in Miami. This will be the third year straight for the joint effort with the schools. Teacher Kriss Morgan at the middle school has been instrumental at encouraging the students to recycle and bringing attention to our environment and the difference we can each make. Mrs. Morgan has also accommodated our department in bringing a speaker from the Solid Waste Institute of Northeast Oklahoma into the classroom. A lesson was presented to the classes as well as a hands on activity. We feel that reaching students as young as possible will help create life-long recyclers.

Feel free to contact our environmental staff here at the Ottawa Tribe. The direct phone number to our department is 542-7259. Rosanna Sheppard Environmental Programs Director, Cheryl Stafford Environmental Assistant, or Lori Payne Water Quality Technician would be glad to assist you in any way possible. We appreciate your help with our endeavors and look forward to working with you.



Red Cedar Recycling can only accept #1 and #2 plastics at this time. Look for this symbol on the bottom of your plastics. Inside this symbol should be a 1 or 2.

Voices Through Time

Rhonda Dixon

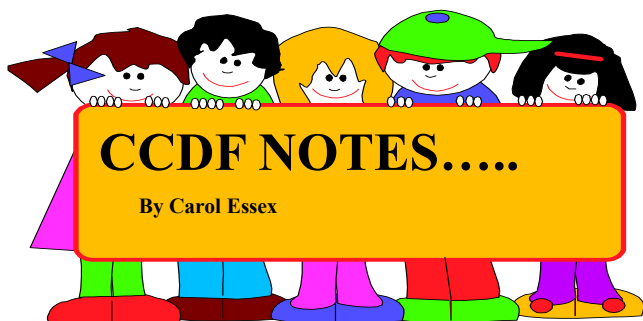
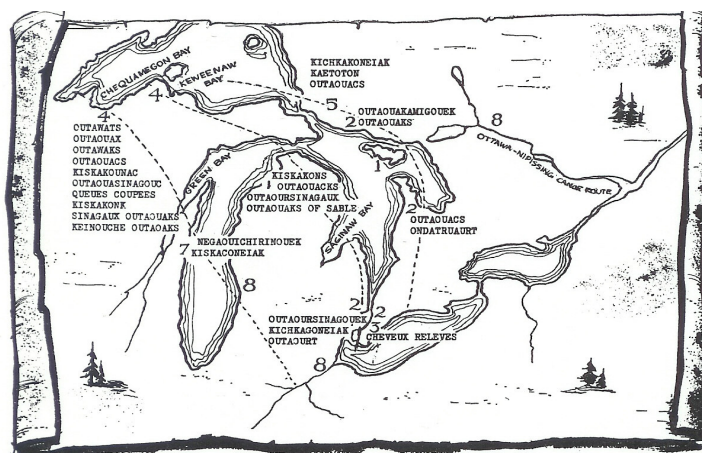
Our ancestors had several villages around and within the Western basin of Lake Erie (Get-she-gum-eg-sug wach).

The Ottawa People have always made their villages and encampments on islands, the edge of lakes, or in the fork between rivers. These villages would be moved a short distance every three years to allow for regrowth of fishing and hunting. After 9 years the village would be back in its original place. The village of Ogantz was one of the largest villages and the center of the Ottawa trade route (now the present city of Marble Head north of Sandusky Bay).

From this village the Ottawa would cross the Getshe gumegsugwach (Lake Erie) and trade with Detroit using North Bass Island as a stopping/trading point during our travels. The Ottawa had formed small villages on each of the islands (Mens-neswe-kewadin (North Bass) Mens-neswe-notin (Middle Bass) and Mens- neswe- shah-wun (South Bass)) to protect their trade routes and to form trading posts where both the French and English could come and trade. The Island villages hunted farmed, and fished the channels between the islands using gill nets. From North Bass Island we could travel east to point Pelee, and northwest to Detroit, and Walpole Island.

The Ottawa had several other villages on the lake edge and on the rivers surrounding the western basin of the lake. These were located on the Sandusky River, Portage River, Blanchard River, Auglaize River, and the Maumee River. Other villages were Waseonoquet's Otokee's Oquanoxa's and tontogany's The Maumee River is where Pontiac made his summer home on the island at Ruche Due Bout. By 1830 the time was ripe for the expulsion of the Ottawa from their homeland in Ohio and on May 28, 1830, the United States Government sanctioned the unfavorable policy of the new settlers towards the Indians by passing the Removal Act, and in 1831 the first group of Ottawa were removed to Kansas. These included the tribesmen living in towns on the Auglaize River and on the Maumee River above Toledo. The removal was a tragic one; the few Indians who had money were robbed by the whites enroute, horses broke down or were stolen, a good portion of the Indians became sick and many died, no provisions or doctors were awaiting them on their arrival in Kansas as the government had promised, and no provision had been made to supply them with ploughs or materials needed to start the spring planting as was promised in the removal treaty. Some of the more heartsick of the Ottawa made the long and tiring trek back to the Ohio country, and the misery of the migration lost nothing of its luridness in the stories that these Indians told to the remaining tribes. Lieutenant J.P. Simonton, a government official sent to help remove the Ottawa, reported that they were rapidly becoming pressed for subsistence, that game in the area was growing scarce; and, that the traders had ceased to supply the Ottawa with food and goods. With these sources of food cut off, said Simonton, these beggarly Indians will soon beg to be removed. Thus, by 1832, the Ottawa of northern Ohio were faced with the problem of survival; they could agree to remove to the strange lands in the west, they could remain in their homeland and face starvation and brutal treatment by the whites; or, they could try to escape to their friends in Canada where they were always welcome. In 1837, The New York Times had this to say about the Ottawa "One hundred and sixty six Indian men, women, and children of the Ottawa tribe passed through Louisville last Monday, from Maumee, Ohio on their way to Osage River, under the charge of Col. M'Ilvaine. Of all the forlorn and wretched looking set of individuals, whom we have looked upon for some time past, we willingly concede to these the stamp of degradation appears much more visible in their bloated and disfigured countenance and evinces at once that the fierce and warlike souls of their sires, animates no more in the bosom of this degenerated race of men."

In 1839 the last of the Ottawa were removed to Kansas lands. During these removals, however, the agents often turned their heads and allowed Ottawa families to escape to Canadian shores, and a great many were saved from the brutal removal in this way. The families would use the islands as a refuge and hiding place on the way to Canada. About half of the original number did make their escape to Canada, and settled with their brethren the Chippewa and Pottawatomie on Manitoulin Island, at Sarnia Reserve, or on Walpole Island. As for the Ottawa who were forced from their home lands nearly half of them perished in their first year in Kansas.



Check Out This Website!



CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Ottawa Tribe continues to provide childcare assistance to Native American families through the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grant. Qualifying applicants must meet income and residency requirements. For more information call Carol or Kristi at 918- 540-1536.

The internet is a wonderful resource for kids and adults alike. From games and hobbies to news and research anything you want to know can most likely be found on the internet. Unfortunately, as useful as the internet can be – it can be equally misused! Children are introduced to computers at such a young age that some adults may feel threatened by their lack of computer knowledge. There are many websites which provide valuable information concerning internet safety. To learn more about preventing cyber crime check out: www.playitsafe.com. Another site that teaches the basic rules of internet safety to both parents and children is: www.ikeepSAFE.org.

CHOOSING A CHILDCARE FACILITY

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) has added a new component to their website. You can now view a monitoring summary of all licensed facilities in Oklahoma. Just go to www.okdhs.org and click on the “Child Care Locator/Summary of Facility Monitoring. Beginning October 1, all licensed childcare facilities are required to maintain a compliance folder which contains the full monitoring reports. These are available to parents upon request. Remember that it is your right and responsibility to review as much information as possible when looking at childcare options.

Adawe Quilting Club

The Adawe quilting class meets on Tuesdays starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Old tribal Office. Everyone is welcome to attend. They have been making baby quilts with the Ottawa seal on them for all new tribal members.



New e-mail address

Due to updating our internet service the tribe has a new e-mail address which is:
adawetribe@sbcglobal.net

WEB SITE Phone (918)540-1536

Ottawatribe.org Fax (918)542-3214

OTTAWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

2008 TAG PRICES

CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY

2008-2007-2006-2005-2004 = \$100.00

2003-2002-2001-2000-1999 = \$ 75.00

1998 & OLDER = \$50.00

MUST HAVE: TITLE, INSURANCE,

**LIEN (IF APPLICABLE) MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, &
DRIVERS LICENSE,**

(MUST BE A RESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA)

RENEWAL PRICES

2007-2004 = \$75.00

2003-1999 = \$50.00

1998 & OLDER = \$25.00

***MUST HAVE INSURANCE VERIFICATION**



Calendar

November 10, 9:00 AM—1:00 P.M. Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Flu Shots, Ottawa Tribal Building, East of Miami,

November 12th Office Closed Veterans Day

November 22,23th Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday

December 6, 5:30 PM Ottawa Kids Christmas Party, Santa Claus will arrive at 6:00 PM

Ottawa / Peoria Building, behind Indian Clinic
Miami, OK

December 24th & 25th Office Closed Christmas



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