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aacimwita akima: The Chief Report

Annual State of the Nation Address

Aya, Aya! Our National Gathering week events, and the General Council meeting, are drawing near, and I am always glad to extend this springtime greeting and report to our community ahead of our busy month of June. The General Council meeting is always held on the last Saturday in June each year, and the week leading up to it is filled with community gatherings and cultural education events. This year our events will begin on Wednesday, June 26, and end with the final night of our 23rd Annual Miami Nation Pow Wow on Saturday night, June 29. The 2024 General Council meeting of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is set for Saturday morning, June 29, beginning at 9 a.m. in our Nations Council House in Miami, OK. The event agenda for the National Gathering Week is included in this digital edition of our paper.

The transition of the Prairie Sun Casino building, located across the street from Tribal headquarters to the new Prairie Sun Events Center is complete. The 7,200 square foot space includes a full-service kitchen and will be used during the National Gathering Week events. We look forward to introducing you to this wonderful new gathering space.

We reported in the last edition of our newspaper, that work was underway to renovate our Pow Wow arena. I am pleased to announce that work is complete, and our beautiful new arena is ready for our dance in late June. The project included removal of the rock, and cement circle, surrounding the dance arena, restoration, and application of sod throughout, new lighting, improved vendor area, and improved parking on the north side of the game field. Please make note that no cars are allowed to park in the grassed area around the dance arena to keep everyone safe.

Turning to our governmental work, in March of this year, the Tribe was notified of a national treasure of the Miami people listed for sale by an auction house in Los Angeles, California. The provenance listed by the auction house identified the Peace Medal as the 1795 Peace Medal presented by General Wayne on behalf of the newly formed United States government, to the Miami people following the signing of the Treaty of Greenville. The Miami Tribe was represented both in war at Fallen Timbers and at the Treaty negotiations by our War Chief, Mihšihkinaahkwa (Little Turtle.) The medal was a gift to the Tribe to be passed down from generation to generation, and was not owned by Mihšihkinaahkwa, but entrusted to his care for the benefit of the Tribe. The Miami Peace Medal was not buried with our great leader upon his passing in 1812 – it was not his to take on his journey but passed on to the care of his successors.

The Miami Peace Medal has great historical and cultural importance to the Tribe, and the initial conveyance outside of the Tribe, to private possession, did not convey legitimate title. The Tribe, as the rightful owners of the Peace Medal requested through letter to the auction house, that the auction house temporarily withdraw the Peace Medal from the auction allowing the Tribe time to speak with

the individual listing the Peace Medal for sale.

The auction house did not respond, so the Tribe filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of Orange County to stop the auction of the Peace Medal through a temporary restraining order (TRO). The auction house responded by filing a motion in opposition, but, recognizing the irreparable harm to the Tribe should the sale go forward, the Court granted the Tribe's TRO, and the Peace Medal was removed from the auction items.

The TRO remains in place until June 28, 2024, allowing time for the Tribe to discuss the Peace Medal with those who placed it for sale. The Tribe has reached out to the owners requesting an opportunity to discuss the Peace Medal and options the Tribe proposes to return the Peace Medal to the Miami people. This is truly a unique piece of Miami Tribe history. We will do everything we can to see that the Peace Medal is returned to us, the rightful owners.

We continue our important post-McGirt work policing and protecting our community and reservation lands. The Tribe's District Court holds a criminal docket twice a month, hearing an average of 30 cases each court day for criminal conduct that has arisen on the Tribe's reservation lands. We are so pleased with our court staff, who work to provide a fair due process forum for those in the criminal system. The Tribe has recently updated and amended its Civil Procedure Code, Criminal Offenses Code and Criminal Procedure Code. In addition, the Tribe enacted its new Juvenile Code and is working through its Court to respond to and address the delinquent conduct of native minors occurring on the Tribe's reservation.

As with adult criminal conduct, the goal is to restore harmony in the community and the lives of both victims and those involved in criminal conduct through its court processes. The Tribe has contracted with a professional to provide services as an adult Community Probation Officer. This individual will work closely with those in our criminal justice system to see that those convicted fulfill probation requirements and successfully conclude any sentence imposed by the Miami Tribe District Court. Again, the goal of the Tribe is to restore harmony to the community, to the victim, the individual charged with the crime and families of both parties.

As I have reported in the past, the Miami Tribe is the lead Tribe in a Northeast Tribal Consortium (Consortium Tribes) where six of the nine Tribes in Ottawa County have agreed to join resources to respond to the post-McGirt criminal jurisdiction issues. The Consortium Tribes have requested funding from the Department of Justice to hire a Special United States Attorney (SAUSA) to perform federal prosecution of major crimes on reservation lands of the Consortium Tribes. The Tribes are finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Attorney Office (USAP) about the roles, responsibilities, and duties of this position



Akima Eecipoonkwia
Chief Douglas Lankford

which will interface with staff in the USAO in the Northern District of Oklahoma seated in Tulsa.

The Tribes have interviewed individuals interested in the SAUSA position and are contracting with an outstanding attorney who has served as a Judge in the Tulsa state courts and served previously as SAUSA in the Eastern District of Oklahoma. It is a goal of the Consortium Tribes to have their own SAUSA to ensure that major crimes taking place on the reservation lands of the Consortium Tribes is dealt with promptly and fairly.

Another moving piece the Consortium Tribes have responded to is the need for a new detention center and treatment programs for defendants serving jail sentences because of criminal conduct. Currently, defendants in custody are housed at the Ottawa County Jail. This location is challenged by sufficient room to house inmates as well as some infrastructure challenges. The Consortium Tribes have reached out to federal partners identifying the need for more resources to provide law enforcement and public safety services, as well as an adequate detention facility in Northeast Oklahoma.

While I speak of our Court, I'd like to report that the Tribe's project to remodel existing space in our headquarters building into a new state-of-the-art courtroom continues. This grant-funded project through the Department of Justice includes the construction of a new courtroom, jury deliberation room, judges chamber, and file storage space. In addition to a beautiful remodel inside, we will construct a new concrete parking lot for court attendees. This new parking area will benefit the elderly, or anyone injured or handicapped who requires access to the Court. The architect firm we contract with is GreenLight Native, an outstanding architectural firm in Tulsa that offers some nice construction and design options to help us achieve the professional yet warm look important to the Tribe in this court space. We hope to begin construction work in late spring or early summer and hope to make significant progress toward the completion of this project by the end of this year.

The Tribe continues its important work in Washington, D.C., meeting with Congressional Representatives and staff members to maintain strong relationships fostered over

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a decade and to promote legislative work to achieve the goals of the Tribe.

Senator Markwayne Mullin has been a great advocate for the Miami Tribe, authoring and introducing our Illinois land bill in both the House and Senate and our recent Senate bill S. 2796. I traveled to Washington, D.C., on February 7 to give testimony on S. 2796 before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. S. 2796 is a bipartisan bill to resolve the Tribe's Treaty-based land claim to lands in east-central Illinois. This legislation would provide the Tribe congressional authorization to bring its land claim to the Federal Court in Washington, D.C. We've been working with Senator Mullin and other congressional supporters for seven years with this legislation, and we will continue to work to get our day in Court. We continue to reach out to Illinois congressional representatives to ask for their support of this important legislation which, when approved, will clear cloud on title for landowners in Southeast Illinois. This bill

is truly unique in this aspect. The cloud on title goes away for landowners in Southeast Illinois the day the Bill is signed into law, authorizing jurisdiction for the DC federal court to hear our claim for undue taking of tribal lands. We've had great bipartisan support of this Bill and so appreciate the time and energy our congressional partners contributed to this very important effort.

For some years now, the Miami Tribe and other Ottawa County Tribes have worked to protect tribal interests during the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the Pensacola Dam operated by the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) which has caused chronic flooding in and around Miami on both fee land and Tribal trust land. Finally, we have achieved a win.

In 2018, the City of Miami filed a complaint alleging the GRDA is non-compliant with its current license because it is flooding land to which it does not hold easements or title. Following hearings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and an ap-

peal to the United States District Court in Washington, D.C., the D.C. Circuit ordered FERC to address, among other things, the City's argument related to flooding and damage to land. On January 18, 2024, FERC issued an astounding order, a massive win for the City and the Tribes. Among other things, the FERC Order found that the GRDA operation of the Pensacola Dam caused increased flooding around the City of Miami and that GRDA must identify the land to which it must acquire easements and acquire them. For city property owners and Tribes who have suffered decades of destructive GRDA flooding and damage without compensation, this is a long-awaited result. The Tribe will continue its work to ensure that any impacts on tribal lands and natural and cultural resources are recognized and addressed.

In closing, I wish you all health and happiness. If you can travel home for the gathering in June, I look forward to seeing you in our homeland.

Nipwaahkaako 'wishing you all well,'

Akima Eecipoonkwia 'Chief Douglas Lankford'



Progress on pow wow grounds. Photo by Madalyn Richardson, CRO.



Young maple tree on renovated pow wow grounds. Photo by Madalyn Richardson, CRO.

Progress on Pow Wow Grounds

The Miami Nation Pow Wow Grounds have undergone some extensive renovations this spring. The area has been resurfaced and features an all grass arena, young maple trees, and new vendor area. The pavilion area, bleachers, and concession stand remain on the grounds. The spring rains have helped the new grass to grow green while we prepare for this summer's Miami Nation Pow Wow.

Join us this summer to experience the new grounds during Pow Wow at the end of National Gathering Week.

Cultural Education Day Presentation Previews

Tales of the Miami THPO:

This presentation will cover the year of Logan York as THPO so far this year, including a summary of my trips across the homelands. Logan will also review his trips to France and Saudi Arabia and why he was there. Logan will show the section 106 process and how most days in the THPO office actually go – it is primarily days at the desk, not trips to Paris. He will talk about the presentations I have given and conferences he has attended. Logan hopes to help the Tribal Public to better understand what the THPO office does every day and throughout the year.

MHMA Continues Preparations for Exhibition of Myaamia Ribbonwork:

Last year, it was announced that the Miami Nation had been awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services to complete a project called "Exhibiting Myaamia Ribbonwork for the Myaamia Community." Through the MHMA, the Nation has begun work in organizing an exhibit modeled after the Myaamia Ribbonwork exhibit installed at Miami University in 2020 that will open January 23, 2025, as part of the Winter Gathering events. The exhibit will then be open until July 6, 2026.

In order to create a safer environment for historic ribbonwork pieces, several noticeable changes will be made to the MHMA gallery. The first major change that has been completed was switching the light fixtures from fluorescent to LED bulbs. This is an important change

to reduce light intensity levels for the silk ribbons, which are prone to fading with light exposure. The ceiling of the gallery will also look much different, with black acoustic tiles replacing the previous white tiles. More changes to the gallery will continue throughout this summer.

MHMA staff are also coordinating with staff from the National Museum of the American Indian and the Cranbrook Institute of Science to arrange loans of historic Myaamia ribbonwork and related objects for the exhibit. The exhibit will also feature several objects recently acquired by the Nation, displayed for the first time since their removal from the Myaamia community nearly 100 years ago. In addition to the opportunity to study the ribbonwork art of Myaamia ancestors up-close, visitors will also be able to see how ribbonwork is alive and thriving in the community today in pieces from currently practicing artists.

In addition to the exhibit that will be installed at MHMA, the staff are also cooperating with the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City to install a small capsule exhibit in the FAM Community Gallery. This exhibit will tell the story of Myaamia ribbonwork revitalization, as well as the story of the homecoming of ribbonwork to all Myaamiaki. The exhibit is expected to be open January 18-March 14, 2025.

Stay tuned to the Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive Facebook page for updates regarding gallery renovations and scheduled programming!

2024 National Gathering Week

Tribal Member Only Events

The 2024 Miami Tribe of Oklahoma National Gathering Week events are scheduled for June 26-29, in Miami, OK. Changes to this schedule will be posted on the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Facebook page at [MYAAMIAMI Miami Tribe of Oklahoma \(private members only page\)](#), and website at [www.miamination.com](#).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 RIBBONWORK WORKSHOP

9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Prairie Sun Event Center - 3415 P. Street NW, Miami, OK
Lead by Myaamia citizen and artist Scott Shoemaker. Participants will learn about peepankišaapiikahkia eehkwaatamenki, and make ribbonwork hat bands. RSVP by email to Joshua Sutterfield at jsutterfield@miamination.com or by phone at 918-541-1300. Ages 16 and up. Watch the Miami Tribe Facebook page and website for updates. Lunch provided for attendees.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 MYAAMIA FAMILY DAY (Games & Dancing)

Location: Drake House - 3700 S. 505 Road, Miami, OK
Events: ARCHERY - LACROSSE - TOMAHAWK THROW
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.

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.

LUNCH PROVIDED

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).

Maamišaahkwaheetaawi - Lacrosse Shootout: Occurs after Archery Challenge is completed. Awards given for best score out of five shots at goal in two categories: contemporary stick and traditional myaamia pakitahaakani.

Tomahawk Throw: Non-competition - test your throwing skills. Instruction will be provided. Open to 18 and over for safety reasons. Throwing open all afternoon in a safe area but only when supervising personnel are present.

6 p.m. - Dinner

Archery and Games Contact: Scott Willard 417-317-3465 swillard@miamination.com
General Contacts: Joshua Sutterfield 918-325-0107 jsutterfield@miamination.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 CULTURAL EDUCATION DAY

Events: COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - LACROSSE GAME - LUNCH - PRESENTATIONS
Breakfast at the Myaamia Community Center followed by the community lacrosse game on the game field behind the Cultural Resources Center. If you have your own pakitahaakani/Myaamia lacrosse stick please bring it, if not we will have sticks on hand **(only traditional sticks will be used for the game.)** Lunch will be served after the game in the cool of the new Prairie Sun Event Center located across from Tribal Headquarters at 3411 P. Street. After lunch we will have cultural presentations, and hand out t-shirts to those present.

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| 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast at Myaamia Community Center/Dining Hall - 54535 East 65 Road, Miami, OK. |
| 10:30 a.m. | Community Lacrosse Game on the Myaamia game - 54505 East 65 Road, Miami, OK.
Pakitahaakani/traditional lacrosse sticks provided, or bring your own. |
| NOON | Lunch at Prairie Sun Event Center - 3411 P. Street NW, Miami, OK. |
| 1:30 p.m. | Presentation: Myaamia Ribbonwork Grant, by Meghan Dorey.
Presentation: "Tales of the Myaamia THPO", by Logan York. |



2024 National Gathering Week

Public & Tribal Member Only Weekend Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 23rd ANNUAL MIAMI NATION POW WOW - June 28th & 29th

Location: Miami Nation Dance Grounds - 54515 East 65 Road, Miami, OK.
(Located behind the Myaamia Council House)

Contacts: Julie Olds 918-541-3131, jolds@miamination.com
Tera Hatley 918-919-1444, thatley@miamination.com

*In case of rain, alternate location for pow wow - NEO College Student Activity Center 200 I Street NE, Miami, OK 74354

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 ANNUAL MYAAMIA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Myaamia Council House - 54515 East 65 Road, Miami, OK
7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at the Myaamia Community Center/Dining Hall
9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of the General Council begins promptly at 9 a.m. in the Council House.
Miami citizens enter through the doors on the east side of the building for registration.
Lunch: Prairie Sun Events Center following close of the meeting - 341 I P. Street NW, Miami, OK.

*Annual Meeting Contacts:

Donya Williams 918-541-7274, dwilliams@miamination.com and Tera Hatley 918-919-1444, thatley@miamination.com

Final evening - 20th ANNUAL MIAMI NATION POW WOW (See Pow Wow Flier on Back)

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT/THREATENING WEATHER THE CONTACT FOR TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS MIKE BROWN - Cell: 918-919-1979 Email: mbrown@mn-e.com



HOTEL INFORMATION FOR MIAMI, OK

***BUFFALO RUN HOTEL - 8414 S. 580 Road, Miami, OK - Phone: 918-542-2900**
(Buffalo Run Hotel offers a discounted Tribal room rate. When you phone to book a room, tell them you are an enrolled citizen of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma booking a room for our National Gathering Week in June. To get the discounted rate - one discounted room per person - you will need to present your Tribal enrollment card at check in.)

Other Area Hotels:

DAYS INN - 2120 East Steve Owens Blvd., Miami, OK - Phone: 888-942-6215
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - 509 Hendley Avenue, Miami, OK - Phone: 918-542-7424
HAMPTON INN - 115 S. Deacon Turner Road, Miami, OK - Phone: 918-541-1500
MICRO-TEL - 2015 E. Steve Owen's Blvd., Miami, OK - Phone: 918-540-3333



JUNE 28 & 29, 2024

MIAMI NATION POW WOV

MIAMI NATION ARENA - 54505 E. 65 Road - Miami, OK

HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies:

Edmond Nevaquaya - Comanche - Apache, OK

Head Singer:

Jason Lightfoot - Pawnee, Otoe - Apache, OK

Head Man Dancer:

Arthur "Sonny" Fields - Pawnee, Otoe - Pawnee, OK

Head Lady Dancer:

Claudia Tyner LittleAxe - Seneca-Cayuga,
Absentee Shawnee, Mvskoke Creek - Miami, OK

Head Gourd Dancer:

Eric Payne - BlueHair Descendant, Otoe-Missouria - Ponca City, OK

Arena Directors:

JR Lonelodge - Arapaho, Cheyenne - El Reno, OK

Gavin Alexander - Otoe-Missouria, Sac & Fox - Ponca City, OK

Host Northern Drum:

Young Buffalo Horse - Stillwater, OK

Incoming 2024 Pow Wow Princess:

Miley Attocknie - Shawnee, Comanche, Otoe, Peoria - Quapaw, OK

Outgoing 2023 Pow Wow Princess:

Audrey Sky Fields - Pawnee, Otoe, Arapaho, Cherokee - Pawnee, OK

PRIZES ALL ADULT CATEGORIES:

1st Place \$700 2nd \$500 3rd \$300

CONTESTANTS MUST MAKE ONE GRAND ENTRY

CONTEST SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED AT REGISTRATION TABLE

(*Dancers 17 years of age and younger are welcome to register to compete.)

Friday, June 28

Gourd Dancing 6 - 8 p.m.

Contest Registrations

Grand Entry 8:30 p.m.

Steve Lankford Memorial Tiny Tot Exhibition

Men's Straight Dance

Women's Golden Age Cloth/Buckskin 50+

Men's Golden Age Fancy Dance/Grass 50+

Women's Cloth

Men's Traditional

Women's Buckskin

Exhibition Dances

Saturday, June 29

Gourd Dancing 4 - 6 p.m.

Contest Registrations

Grand Entry 7 p.m.

Men's Fancy Dance

Audrey Sky Fields Cloth Special

Women's Golden Age Fancy Shawl/Jingle 50+

Men's Golden Age Straight/Traditional 50+

Women's Fancy Shawl

Women's Jingle

Men's Grass

Exhibition Dances

CONTEST SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CONTACT INFO: Contests - George Alexander 580-401-1481

Vendors - Tera Hatley 918-919-1444 Camping - Donya Williams 918-541-7274

General Info - Julie Olds 918-541-3131 Miami Tribe HQ: 918-541-1300

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LOCAL DINNING GUIDE *Miami, OK*

Restaurant	Address	Phone	Hours	Type
Family Dining				
Buttered Bunn’s	2123 N. Main	918.540.2866	8am - 2pm	American
Jerry’s Diner	725 N. Main St, North Miami	918.919.3812	6am - 2pm Tue-Sat	American
Lil Café - Commerce	209 S Mickey Mantle Blvd	918.675.4229	4pm - 9pm Tue-Sat	American
Otter Cove Diner	230 S Main	918.544.9050	11am - 9pm	American/Rt 66 gifts
Two Girl’s Café	2320 N. Main	918.542.2233	7am - 1:30pm Wed-Sun	American
Burgers				
Braum’s Ice Cream	2205 N. Main	918.542.7744	6am - 10:45pm	Burgers/Ice Cream
Dairy King (Historic Rt 66)	100 N Main St , Commerce	918.675.4261	10am - 6pm Mon-Fri Sat 11am - 3pm	Burgers
McDonald’s	1131 N. Main	918.542.2094	5am - 1am Sun-Thu 24 hrs Fri-Sat	Burgers
Prairie Moon Casino	202 Eight Tribe Trail	918.542.8670	7am - 9pm	Breakfast/Burgers
Sonic Drive-In	1520 N. Main	918.542.1865	7am - 12am	Burgers
Waylan’s Ku Ku Burger	915 N. Main Street	918.542.1696	10am - 5pm	Burgers
Chinese				
Lucky Buffet	1027 N. Main	918.542.8000	11am - 9:30pm	Chinese
Coffee/Donuts/Deli				
Chapters/Starbucks	31 N. Main	918.540.0468	7am - 5pm	Coffee Shop/gifts
Scooter’s Coffee	10 Goodrich Blvd	877.719.1288	6am - 8pm	Coffee
7Brew Coffee	1230 N. Main		5:30am - 10pm	Coffee
The Frozen Elephant	1931 N. Main	918.961.7014	6am - 8pm	Coffee/Snow Cones
The Frozen Elephant (at Hudson Station)	331 S. Main	918.961.7014	6am - 8pm	Coffee/Snow Cones
Daylight Donuts	1831 N. Main	918.542.5247	5am - 1pm	Donuts
Donut Palace	520 E. Steve Owens Blvd	918.542.4833	5am - 1pm	Donuts
Harp’s Hometown Fresh	1014 N. Main	918.542.1824	7am - 9pm	Deli/food trays
Wal-mart	2415 N. Main	918.542.6654	6am - 11pm	Deli/food trays
Fine Dining				
Coal Creek Restaurant (Buffalo Run Casino)	1000 Buffalo Run Blvd	918.542.7140	Lunch: 11am - 2pm Dinner: 5pm - 10pm	Fine Dining
Montana Mike’s Steakhouse	840 N. Main	918.542.8808	11am - 9pm	Fine Dining
The Knotty Trough (Stables Casino)	530 H. Street N.E.	918.542.7884	Lunch: 11am - 2pm Dinner: 5pm - 9pm	Fine Dining
Italian/Pizza				
Domino’s Pizza	1315 N. Main	918.542.4000	10:30am - 12am	Italian
Goodfella’s Pizza - dine in & delivery	34 N. Main	918.919.3803	11am - 9pm	Italian
Little Caesars Pizza - drive thru only	2310 N. Main	918.544.6943	11am - 10:00pm	Pizza
Papa G’s Pizza - drive thru only	331 E. Steve Owens Blvd	918.542.7077	11am - 7:30pm, Fri-Sat 11am - 8pm	Italian
Pizza Hut - drive thru only	1320 N. Main	918.542.8474	11am - 10:30pm	Italian
Pizza Hut Express - delivery/ carry out	101 A Street N.W.	918.540.2471	10am - 11pm	Italian
Mexican				
El Arriero	1402 N Main	918.919.3797	11am - 9pm	Mexican
El Vallarta	20 Goodrich Blvd	918.540.2244	11am - 9pm	Mexican
Los Dos Amigos	2019 N. Main	918.542.6638	11am - 9pm	Mexican
Taco Bell - drive thru only	901 N. Main Street	918.542.9020	10am - 12am	Mexican
Taqueria Monterrey	112 Commerce Ave, Commerce, OK	918.675.0013	11am-6pm	Mexican
Sandwiches				
Arby’s	1217 N. Main	918.542.4041	10am - 10pm dine-in 10am - 11pm drive-thru	Sandwiches
Subway	2240 N. Main Street	918.540.0737	9am - 10pm	Sandwiches/Salads
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Transitions and Seasons: meeloohkamiki ‘spring’ and neepinwiki ‘summer’

Madalyn Richardson

Cultural & Arts Education Content Specialist, CRO

Meeloohkamihki ‘spring’ is a transitional period between winter and summer. As the days begin to grow longer and the temperatures get warmer, the landscape changes in response. Plants and animals grow more active following the dormancy of winter.

This transitional period that marks the ending of peepoonki. There are many observable ecological changes during these few weeks of meeloohkamiki as plants and animals emerge from winter dormancy.

During meeloohkamiki, the beginning of neepinwiki is marked by the return of ciinkwia akookaki ‘spring peepers’ (a type of tree frog) and ciinkwia ‘thunder.’

The akookaki are singing loudly and ciinkwia has been thundering loudly around noošonke siipionki ‘Miami, Oklahoma,’ in the past few weeks.

Summer brings long days and warm weather that provide the time needed for growth, harvest, and more activity. Myaamia people enjoy many cultural and social activities during the long days and warm nights of summer.

During neepinwiki ‘summer,’ many ecological changes can be observed as plants and animals are very active.

Wiiniciaki ‘box turtles’ emerge from their winter beds in soft soil around this time. We have seen several around noošonke siipionki.

Leninši ‘common milkweed’ has leaves

and blossoms that serve as the homes and food for monarch caterpillars and butterflies. While the milkweed plants are considered poisonous, the young leaves and blooms can be harvested for eating. Leninši is also useful for making piiminihkwaani ‘cordage.’

Neepinwiki is a time of planting, harvesting, and celebrating with fresh foods and fun games like peekitahaminki ‘lacrosse.’ We have already celebrated our first lacrosse game of the season in noošonke siipionki, and will be again soon in kiihkayonki ‘Fort Wayne, Indiana.’

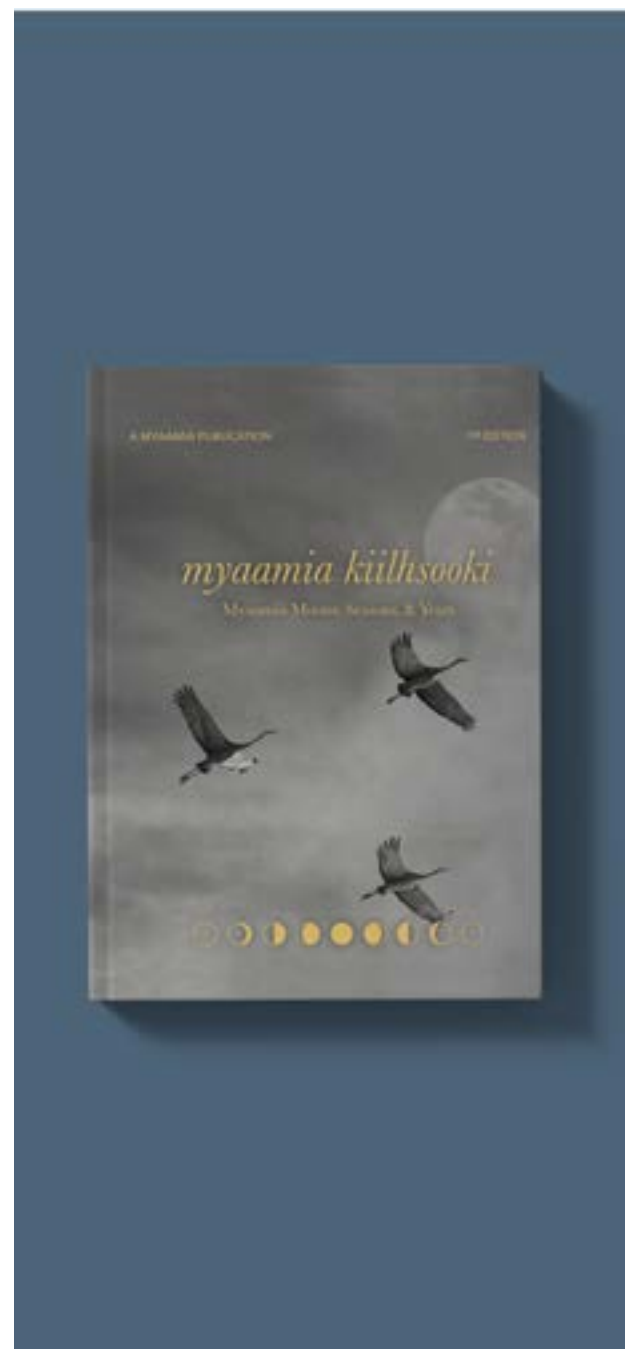
Paaphsaahka niipinwiki ‘Mid-Summer’ is the fifth month of Myaamia Killhswaakani and is the next month in the myaamia kiilswahkani ‘myaamia lunar calendar.’ It is a month named for the midpoint of neepinwiki ‘summer.’

This month is a time between planting and harvesting that results in a pause in the labor of the agriculture cycle. Therefore, Myaamiki focus on games, dances, and other social gatherings during this time.

This year, eeamamwicki summer programs and the Miami National Gathering week will both occur during paaphsaaka neepinwiki.

It is during paaphsaahka niipinwiki that pahsaahkaahkanka neepinwiki ‘the summer solstice’ occurs. The longest day of the year marks the center of neepinwiki and serves as the anchor point of the Myaamia Killhswaakani.

You can learn more about myaamia moons, seasons, and years in our newest publication *myaamia kiilhsooki*.



The cover of myaamia kiilhsooki. Courtesy of Madalyn Richardson, CRO.



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Miami Nation Gift Shop myaamiagifts.square.site

MYAAMIAKI Miami Tribe of Oklahoma (closed Facebook group for Tribal citizens & their immediate family members)

AATOTANKIKI MYAAMIAKI Miami Nation News on Facebook

Miami Nation Events Where public events are posted on Facebook

EEMAMWICIKI Facebook (our summer youth programs)

MYAAMIA CENTER Facebook & YouTube Channel

AATOTANTAAWI “Let’s Talk About It” Myaamia Community Discussion Group for books, movies, shows, etc.

ILDA Myaamia Online Dictionary (Miami-Illinois Indigenous Languages Digital Archive) mc.miamioh.edu/ilda-myaamia/dictionary

KAAKISITOONKIA the Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive’s online archive kaakisitoonkia.org

AACIMOTAATIIYANKWI Myaamia Community Blog aacimotaatiiyankwi.org

ŠAAPOHKAAYONI A Myaamia Portal mc.miamioh.edu/eduportal/





Winners of Pie Baking Contest ‘Picnic & Play’ Pakitahantaawi Event and Gathering

Stacy Williams

Adult & Family Services

The Picnic and Play Pakitahantaawi held on April 10th, 2024 was a chilly day but was filled with warmth from all the Myaamia people that attended. The day was packed with fun activities from bounce house inflatables, lacrosse, delicious food, and a pie contest.

The Adult Services department sponsored the pie contest and provided s'mores for the event to roast over the warm fire. The pies were judged by both a panel of judges and a people's choice award.

John Cunningham was the overall winner of both the judges' choice and the people's choice with his Better than Sex pie. Runner-up was Josiah Dorey with his delicious peach pie and 3rd place was Morgan Brown and her yummy Root Beer Pie.

Each of the winners won a beautiful, engraved pie plate crafted by Meghan Dorey and Madalyn Richardson. The three winners also won a gift certificate. Neewe to all the participants who entered the pie contest. What a treat it was to have such delicious pies, burgers, hot dogs, and other goodies to enjoy on such a joyous occasion.

Our hearts and tummies were definitely full! We hope that this can be the beginning of future food contests to showcase and share the talent of our Myaamia tribal members.



John Cunningham won 1st place. Photo courtesy of Stacy Williams.



Josiah Dorey won 2nd place. Photo courtesy of Stacy Williams.



Morgan Brown won 3rd place. Photo courtesy of Stacy Williams.

Nate Poyfair

Special Researcher, CRO

On April 20th, 2024, the Cultural Resources Office hosted an event to celebrate our first peekitahaminki 'lacrosse' game of the year, along with a picnic, games, skills competition, and pie contest. This event took place in Noošonke Siipionki 'Miami, Oklahoma' at the tribal lacrosse field, adjacent to the Pow-Wow grounds and Cultural Resources Office. Throughout the day, around 80 people came to play lacrosse, enjoy bounce houses, participate in lacrosse and corn hole competitions, and enjoy food and a pie contest. The weather was excellent, and a live band capped off the event, which lasted roughly from 11 am to 3 pm.

Joshua Sutterfield organized the event, which was hosted by the Cultural Resources Office. Cultural Resources Office Employees and Tribal staff participated in running the event

and organizing set-up and activities. The event began with a grill out of hamburgers and hot dogs, various other dishes, and plenty of desserts! Alongside our picnic, Stacy Williams of the Adult Services Department hosted a pie-baking contest in which multiple tribal members participated.

The winner of the pie-baking contest was tribal member John Cunningham, who received a commemorative pie plate and a gift card. Josiah Dorey came as runner-up, and Morgan Brown came in third place. Both received gift cards and commemorative pie plates as well.

Following our meal, tribal members were assigned their teams and played two 15-minute halves of lacrosse to determine the winner

of the first game of the year. Roughly 25 tribal members participated in the game, and Akima Lankford led off each half and face offs by throwing the ball in the air. The final score of



Akima Doug Lankford starts off the game! Photo by Doug Peconge.



Battling for the ball. Photo by Doug Peconge.

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the match was shirts with 4 goals, and skins with 2. The shirts team scored two goals in each half, while the skins team scored one in each half. Following the game, all players gathered for our customary group huddle led by Aki-ma, and we all took a picture to commemorate this year's event.

Coming together to cap off a successful match of peekitahamink. Photo by Doug Peconge.

Shortly after the game, the skills competition, led by Nate Poyfair, began. The competition had a 40-yard dash, scooping and carrying course, a passing accuracy target, and shooting accuracy game. Each aspect of the skills competition had scoring systems based on time, accuracy, and age. Fourteen contestants

participated in the skills competition, with the 13-year-old and up winner, Dom McCoy, taking home the title of skills competition winner and a \$150 cash prize. Russell Alsbuagh won the under-13 contest and brought home a \$50 cash prize.

A new event to this year's event was the corn hole tournament. Since the goals of this event are to celebrate the coming spring

and the coming together of tribal members, CRO staff added the corn hole tournament to our agenda. With a band playing music in the background, kids playing in bounce houses and practicing their

lacrosse skills, and onlookers enjoying their pie, corn hole players competed for a \$100 gift card to the winning team. Wade Williams and Tristan Gibson eventually won the tournament after multiple close games. This competition capped off the wonderful day of celebration and the beginning of the lacrosse playing season.

This year's event was a resounding success. A cool breeze and sunny weather made the day perfect for competition and celebration as we all ate, laughed, and played as a community. As we work towards teaching community members our language

and culture, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Cultural Resources Office also aims to increase the strength of our community through relationship building. For future events, please be on the lookout for mailed fliers and tribal website announcements. Mihši neewe 'big thanks' to all of those who made this day a memorable event!

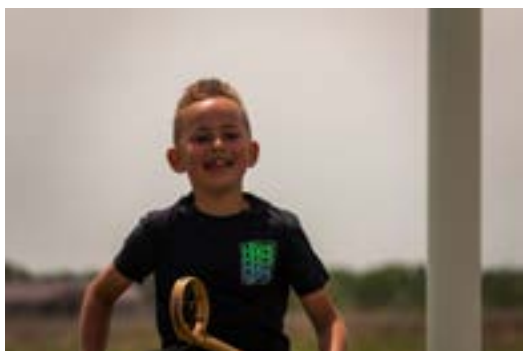


Little ones honing their scooping skills! Photo by Doug Peconge, MTO.



A fun day out in the sun celebrating our first game of the season!

Photo by Doug Peconge, MTO.



Under-13 skills competition, Russell Alsbuagh. A feared peekitahamink player of the future. Photo by Doug Peconge, MTO.

Makerspace Memories this Month

Carrie Harter

Makerspace Coordinator

Over the last month or so the Makerspace has enjoyed being a place where things can be made and a mobile inspiration to take crafts to others of all ages. We have participated in the Miami Innovations academy, painting the pinch pots we made earlier in the year and making chalk drawings of the April 8th eclipse.

We also participated in Commerce High School's After Prom. To commemorate the evening, we brought beads, craft loops, balloon art, and a wooden charm we created with the laser engraver.

Title 6 Seniors have been busy creating pinwheels, Mother's Day magnetic frames, and paper flowers. They have enjoyed crafting together so much that we are now crafting twice a month. Our next activity will be Memorial Day Windsocks. Some elders have started to make plans to come out to the long house on our new open-to-the-public Mondays.

April 15 marked the beginning of our open-to-all Mondays, a day dedicated to creativity and community. No prior arrangement is needed, and we provide a new craft option each week. Our space is open for you to spread out your current project, and we offer the use of our supplies and space for people to "MAKE." We have already had the pleasure of hosting a homeschooling family, and we eagerly anticipate more visitors on Mondays 10-12.

In April and May, we visited the community with booths at the Mural Fest in Miami and the Ottawa County Farmers Market at the Fairgrounds in Miami. Between those two events, we connected with over 200 people.

We were thrilled to host some exciting opportunities at the Makerspace. Our open house was held on May 18th from 10-2, where visitors came to explore our creative space.

On June 1st, we will be hosting a free basket weaving class for beginners, and on June 26th, we have a Ribbon-work class, which is a unique opportunity to learn a new craft. We can't wait to see you there!



Elders creating paper pinwheels at the Title IV building. Photo by Carrie Harter, MTO.



Bead bracelets at Miami's Mural Fest. Photo by Carrie Harter, MTO.



Makers weaving potholders at the Makerspace. Photo by Carrie Harter, MTO.



Makerspace activities at the farmer's market. Photo by Carrie Harter, MTO.



High school student working on a project. Photo by Carrie Harter, MTO.



A pastel drawing of the solar eclipse. Photo by Carrie Harter, MTO.

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MYAAMIA EDUCATION OFFICE

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FUND AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Back-to-School Funds

First and Second Semester Back-to-School applications will be mailed to all enrolled Miami Tribe of Oklahoma children ages Pre-School (minimum age of 4) to Seniors in High School (maximum age of 19). Back-to-School applications must be filled out completely. Please read the instructions on the application and make sure the bottom of the application is signed before returning to the Myaamia Education office by the deadline stated on the application. **FALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN JUNE OF EACH YEAR AND SPRING APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAILED OUT IN SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR.** If you do not receive an application, the application can be downloaded from the miamination.com

website under Services, Myaamia Education Office, Back-to-School funds or call for a new application to be mailed. Please make sure your address is up-to-date with the Member Services Department.

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First Semester Applications must be received by the Education Office by **July 1**.

Second Semester Applications must be received by **November 15**.

Eligible tribal members may apply for funding as listed below: Awards: **Pre-School**

(**minimum age of 4**) \$50.00. **Kindergarten through the 6th grade, \$75.00. 7th & 8th grade, \$100.00. 9th through 12th grade (maximum age of 19) \$150.00.**

If you have questions, contact the Education Office at **918-541-2176**. You must complete an application for each semester to receive Back-to-School Funds. Checks will be mailed within three weeks after the First semester application deadline, and after Christmas for the Second semester.

The Tribe may require, at any time, the recipient of back-to-school-funds to produce receipts for items purchased with said funds as a requirement for receiving future funding. The policy of the Miami Tribe related to any matter involving a tribal member who is a minor is to communicate with the biological parent or legal guardian

Scholarships

The Miami Nation is committed to supporting the education of Myaamia people of all ages through the funding of scholarships and continuing education programs. The Myaamia Scholarship Selection Committee is made up of three Tribal members appointed by the Business Committee and given the responsibility of awarding the following scholarships on behalf of the General Council. Scholarships are awarded by the Committee through a blind application process. All scholarship applications must be fully completed upon submission, or the application will not be considered. Note: All scholarships offered by The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma are for enrolled members/citizens of the tribe only. Scholarships are available only for Spring and Fall semesters.

Scholarship Applications

Submit Fall Scholarship Application Deadline October 1st.

Submit Spring Scholarship Application Deadline April 1st.

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Renewal Requirements: Maintain full-time status (complete minimum 12 credit hours each semester). Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA. Submit Spring Application by April 1 of each year.

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Renewal Requirements: Maintain full-time status (12 hrs/undergraduate; 6 hours/graduate). Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA. - Submit Spring Application each year

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ademic year. Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring. Renewable annually. Must submit **Spring Application, due April 1.**

Renewal Requirements: Maintain full-time (12 hours) or part-time status (at least six hours). Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA. Submit Spring Application each year.

CRANE AWARD - DUE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR.

Application Eligibility: Graduate or post-graduate student

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Award: \$2000 per academic year (Student must advise school if full amount should be applied to Fall semester, or if amount should be split between Fall or Spring.) Renewable annually with Fall Scholarship Application

Renewal Requirements: Maintain full-time status. Maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA. Submit Fall Scholarship Application each year, due October 1.

***All awards are subject to change per the Business Committee.**

If you have any questions please contact the Myaamia Education Office. Donya Williams: dwilliams@miamination.com, 918-541-2176



Word Review: kiiwahtekaataawi ‘let’s dance around something’



Community stomp dance at Drake House during Annual Gathering Week, 2019. Photo by Karen Baldwin, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Jared Baldwin
Myaamia Language Coordinator

In 2021, I wrote about the term kiiwahtekaataawi, meaning “let’s dance around something.” The term can be used generically for dancing around anything, but it’s also strongly connected to our stomp dance. As we approach some community stomp dances, like the Annual Meeting dance in June, I thought it would be helpful to review this language.

In our case, the “something” that we are dancing around is a fire, or when dancing indoors, a battery-powered electric fire. If you want to be specific and include the word for fire, the phrase is kiiwahtekaataawi koteenki ‘let’s dance around the fire.’ This phrase is part of what we recite when we call everyone out to start the next dance. The recitation ends with, “kiiwahtekaataawi kiiwahtekaataawi kiiwahtekaataawi,” which is the signal for everyone to come out and dance around the fire.

Reposted from the community blog, posted on April 23, 2024 <https://aacimotaatiiyankwi.org/2024/04/23/word-review-lets-dance-around-something/>

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Participants in a social dance at Miami University. Photo by Scott Kissell, MU.

Weecinaakiiyankwi weecikaayankwi ‘We Sing Together - We Dance Together,’ Eemamwiciki Summer Programs

Eemamwiciki Staff

This year our Eemamwiciki learning theme is Weecinaakiiyankwi Weecikaayankwi ‘We Sing Together – We Dance Together.’ Our community will explore this theme in many different ways over the Myaamia lunar year, but during the course of our summer programs, we will learn about how these forms of expression are a part of our lives today as well as the history behind these beautiful forms of expression.

This year, participants in all of our in-person programs will learn about and practice stomp dancing, learn how to participate in an inter-tribal pow wow dance, and learn how to participate in the teasing songs performed during our mahkisina ‘moccasin’ game. They will also create a šiihšii kwani ‘gourd rattle’ and learn how to incorporate Myaamia music into their lives more generally. One highlight for the Eewansaapita program (10-16-year-olds) is the creation of a music video by recording a song and shooting video footage of the week’s events.

We look forward to gathering as a community this summer to learn more about song and dance! Learn more, visit miamination.com/summer-programs



Myaamia women prepare for a stomp dance at Miami University. Photo by Scott Kissell, MU.



Saakaciweeta participants learn to stomp dance, 2018. Photographer unknown.



Eemamwiciki Summer Program participants perform a song at the end of the program, 2019. Photo by Jonathan M. Fox, Myaamia Center.



George Ironstrack, Eemamwiciki staff, leads a song for a mahkisina ‘moccasin’ game at the 2020 Winter Gathering. Photo by Jonathan M. Fox, Myaamia Center.



A Myaamia youth decorates a gourd rattle, 2018. Photo by Jonathan M. Fox, Myaamia Center.



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17-21: Eemamwiciki
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siipionki

Jul

15-19: Eemamwiciki
Summer Programs
- kiihkayonki

19: Summer
Celebration -
kiihkayonki

Aug

10: SummerFest -
nooŝonke siipionki



For nooŝonke siipionki
'Oklahoma' events, RSVP to
Joshua Sutterfield at (918) 325-
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For kiihkayonki 'Indiana' events,
RSVP to Claudia Hedeem at (918)
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OPEN TO ALL MYAAMIA PEOPLE:

SummerFest

Lunch Inflatables Carnival Rides Prizes Games

Water Slide Magician Balloon Artist School Supplies

Community Face Painting Backpacks AND MORE!

DETAILS:
Saturday
August 10th
10AM - 4PM

Drake House
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Miami, OK 74354

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