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It is Written

Newsletter of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma

Faithkeeper Nadean Hilliard given 2011 AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder's Honor

Martha Nadean (Stovall) Hilliard (Goh-wen-dah-dohn-dah of the Deer Clan) was recently honored in Oklahoma City at the AARP Native American Elder's Honors Reception. Nadean was born near Wyandotte, Oklahoma on December 26, 1922. She attended schools at Seneca Indian School, Wyandotte, Oklahoma and Chilocco Indian School, Chilocco, Oklahoma and later went back to school and graduated from Grove High School, Grove, Oklahoma. She continued with her higher education at Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Miami, Oklahoma receiving a two year degree and completed her education earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Northeastern State Teachers College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She began teaching in 1960 and continued to teach in elementary schools until 1979 when she retired from Seneca Indian School, Wyandotte, Oklahoma. She has lived with her husband Clyde on their farm for 63 years. Nadean is a Faith keeper for the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe and fulfills her position while also taking time to love and be loved by her extensive family. Although she has no biological children of her own, she has mothered and watched over a score of Nephews and Nieces and helped them through life. With education being one of her top priorities for our young people, she has helped many children with their educational endeavors through loving support as well as financially. Affectionately known as "Aunt Dean" by most of her family and acquaintances, she is respected and loved by everyone who knows her.



From our Chief

Dear Tribal Citizens:

During these past few months the Tribe has made great progress. The Business Committee has been working well together to improve the housing, education, and economic opportunities for our Tribal members.

We have engaged a firm that will assist the Tribe in obtaining program funding to build 25 – 30 new homes possibly in Miami on property the Tribe already owns. This property is within the boundaries of another Tribe so we must get their permission to do so. We are confident there will not be a problem. The recipients of the new housing will of course have to meet income guidelines they have to follow, but it will be a start of rebuilding the housing program for our Tribal members after we lost our housing program several years ago.



The Tribal higher education department under Carol Brown has made great improvements with the Claims education funding that the General Council mandated last June. Some new policies have been adopted that have identified and eliminated most of the abuse that was going on. There are now more stringent reporting requirements, (i.e. official transcripts) and limits on the number of semesters allowed to obtain a degree. Payments to students have now been divided during a semester in order to reduce the practice of enrolling, receiving the full scholarship, and then dropping out. And some penalties have been put in place for certain actions. We now have nearly 300 students attending college. We believe that each tribal member who has requested the scholarship and qualified has been funded. This is a great improvement from the past when many students were not funded at all. We are trying to stabilize the budget and have nearly done so with the new policies but will need some additional funding to ensure there will be enough money for subsequent semesters.

The Business Committee has moved forward with the objective to improve our economic position. We have established an ordinance that allows businesses to organize and have established a Business Development Office. This new office is charged with developing short and long term plans for tribal economic improvement. This office will be seeking suitable new businesses for the Tribe as well as overseeing newly established enterprises, including our new Commercial Furniture Sales Business. There are now several opportunities that are before us and are being evaluated. I'm very optimistic that most of these will be suited to us and that they will become very successful.

The holidays are fast approaching and I hope each of you get the chance to spend time with your family. During your celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I encourage you to think about what these special days are for.

Until next time, it's an honor to serve as Chief of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeRoy Howard". The signature is stylized and cursive.

LeRoy Howard



Greeting Tribal Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and in good spirits. Another year has almost come and gone with school starting again, football games to watch and the holidays approaching fast. I hope that everyone that had the opportunity to attend Green Corn had a good time. It is always the perfect way to rekindle friendships and re-connect with family. A time when we all come together to connect with mother earth as well, when we cherish the gift of living by giving thanks for what the creator has provided us. From the food he provides, the sun and rain all to sustain our living here on earth, but also for the gift of life. For as each name is given in the long house the honor of carrying that name from then on is one to be cherished. We also come together to be cleansed spiritually. The Stos-Koo-Wah (turtles shell dance) on this day is considered the Confession dance. Each dancer is supposed to pray as they make their way around the longhouse, to ask forgiveness for the all the wrongs that they have done through the past year. Every duty, every song, every activity comes together to keep us as one people to be strong for what the future holds.



I want to thank everyone that helped make this possible and a success ever year. There are a lot of things to prepare for each year and with everyone pitching in it all comes together. Camp day was very good with the activities for kids and everyone getting settled in. And always Nya-Weh to our pot hangers, singers and to the speakers that are getting better and better each year with the naming of the babies and blessing of the offerings during the Sun Dance. To all the visitors that came to help out and dance with us Nya – Weh as well. This year we had over 900 campers representing over 300 families, a terrific turnout. The date this year kind of threw some people off with the 1st being on Monday. Just remember it is always the first full week in August (counting camp day). We were also blessed with good weather this year. With the previous hot spell going in we definitely welcomed the cooling rains. Also made for good football.

I came across an old cook book that some of our elders participated in putting together back in the 60's through the Council House Church. I think you might enjoy these so I am going to see if we could put maybe a recipe or two in the newsletter each month. In closing be safe and stay well.

Seneca-Cayuga words for this month:

Bread Juice : Nat – Da – Creet

Bring: Han – Sa – Weet

Cat: Ta – Coos

Cousin: Ka – Say

Nya Weh

Toot no son dee

Ceremonial Chief

Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma



From the Seneca Cayuga Culture & Historic Preservation Office



The Seneca Cayuga Culture & Historic Preservation Office would like to welcome Jason WhiteEagle to the Language Preservation Program as the Language Assessment Coordinator. The Language Preservation Program will conduct an assessment survey of the use of our language with our Tribal Members. We will be putting together a survey to be mailed out by the first part of November. We hope you will participate in our survey. This language preservation program is funded by a grant by the Administration of Native Americans (ANA). The outcome of this survey will help to enhance our current Language & Culture Classes, with curriculum, activities and focus points.

The Culture & Historic Preservation program holds language classes every Thursday evening from 6 pm. To 9 pm. at the Cultural Resource Center. Everyone is welcome.



The Language & Cultural Society will be hosting a Social Dance to be held at the Seneca Cayuga Community Building, November 12th. Dinner will be served at 4:00 pm. (potluck, local folks bring a covered dish) Social Dances to follow. For more information call the Seneca Cayuga Cultural Resource Center at (918) 787-7979.

The Culture & Historic Preservation Program held a "Culture Camp" for Tribal Children (see picture above) earlier this summer and on behalf of many of the Mothers of the children attending, the newsletter received the following: "I am one of the many mothers who would like to thank Paul Barton and Marilyn McClelland for putting on the Culture Camp for our Children. The three days were wonderful with staff teaching the Ceremonials to our children so they will continue to live forever. Being taught how to make dresses, cook and learning to dance was just a part of it.

Thank you for taking the time to teach our children; they are grateful as we are. You made them feel very special and we ALL thank you for that."

Ghan-dee-ah (Donna Francis)



Report from our Governmental Specialist, Flora Elmore

With American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds being expended charities and states are competing for funds they normally would not consider. This makes the grant submission even more competitive. Before the recession it was not uncommon to compete for grant that had 1,200 submissions, but now it is more like we are competing with 5,000 other needy programs throughout the United States.

The awards granted to the Tribe this year speak accolades to the programs and the progress they have made to keep up with technology and most of them to serve the best good within the Tribe. The following list provides an overview of the grants the Tribe was awarded to begin the fiscal year 2012.

Indian Community Development Block Grant – renovation of the Tribal office building and current Northeastern Inter-Tribal health clinic.

Basic Library Grant with Education / Assessment Option – \$6,000 to increase library materials as well as provide part time support to the library.

Office of Violence Against Women –Tribal Government Assistance - \$ 789,700 three year grant to continue providing assistance to women leaving domestic violence situations as well as to provide training to area law enforcement about discrimination of Indian women in domestic violence, stalking and rape situations.

Inter-tribal Bison Council – Approximately \$50,000 was awarded to the Tribe's Bison herd for the upcoming year. This funding may change depending on Congress's appropriation.

The Administration for Native Americans - granted the Tribe \$132,515 for a one year study of the native language being spoken within the community. This is the first time the Tribe has received a language grant and they are difficult to get so hats off to the project planners for providing a good argument for funding.

Lastly the **Agency on Aging** - doubled the money provided for feeding elders in the community. This is the first time the agency has provided adequate monies to cover all expenses of the AOA program.

The future outlook for grants includes additional ICDBG grants, Telemedicine grants for funding increased access to healthcare within the reservation boundaries and grants for business development.



“The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe will host their Annual Children’s Christmas Party on December 10, 2011 at the Tribal Community House northeast of Grove, Oklahoma. The party will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All Tribal families are urged to bring their children to the party.”



From Rick Smith, Grand Lake Casino General Manager

Some of you may not be aware that Grand Lake Casino just recently purchased and completed the remodel of the former Cow Skin Prairie Motel now known as the Grand Lake Casino Lodge.

We are currently in the process of remodeling the old restaurant building located next to the motel. This building will be utilized to host just about any type of an event anyone would desire to have. The newly remodeled building will be known as the Grand Lake Casino Event's Center. We will have the capabilities of providing just a meeting space or a full blown celebration to include any level of food and drink one might desire to include live entertainment. Each event will be charged accordingly to the wants and the needs of the customer.

We are currently taking reservations for Christmas Parties and if you or anyone you know are looking for a facility that can accommodate up to 200 guests or less we can accommodate you with most anything you should desire with different price ranges. Please feel free to contact me directly on my office phone at (918) 791-9192. Should I be out of the office or on the casino floor please leave a message on the machine and I will get back to you as soon as possible. With our Casino, the Motel, and now the Event's Center we have a greater opportunity to serve you with our family of staff of the Grand Lake Casino Enterprises where we carry our logo through each operation "NOBODY DOES IT BETTER".

Respectfully,


Rick Smith
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From the Tribal Education Office – Carol Brown

Hello Tribal Education Students:

The office of education would like to recognize our Tribal Students for their academic achievements and is establishing an honor roll list to be published periodically in our Tribal Newsletter throughout the school year. The Honor Roll established will be the Chief's and Second Chief's Honor Roll. The requirements to make the Chief's Honor Roll would be – the student must be a full-time (12 credit hours) student and must make an "A" (4.0) on the 4.0 GPA scale. The requirements to make the Second Chief's Honor Roll would be – the student must be a full-time (12 credit hours) student and must make a "B" average (3.0) on the 4.0 GPA scale. The recognition of our Tribal Students would include the following: Student's Name, college/university/technical trade school attending, major and student classification. Any student wishing to not participate in the honor roll list to be published must forward to the office of education in writing requesting name to not be published. If any student should have a question, you may call the office at 918-787-5452 and speak to Michelle or Carol or you may email at mmorris@sctribe.com or cbrown@sctribe.com.



“Tree of Peace Dedication”

Here at the Tribal Offices in Grove, Oklahoma people and things are seemingly appearing out of no where. Among the many Office buildings, those whose offices were at the Miami Office have all now relocated to the Grove area complex, the walk ways and drive are uniquely decorated with flower beds hosting many colors, ornamental bushes and decorative stone. All these things are like small reminders to enjoy the little things in life while adding a well deserved touch to our Tribal facilities. A big Nyaweh to “Foxy” Emerson and her crew, who designed and planted all these things.



At this time I would like to point out one newly planted tree in particular, the Great White Pine also known as the “The Great Tree of Peace”. On October 12 2011, a dedication was organized by Foxy to offer a blessing and dedication of this tree to the people of the Seneca Cayuga Tribe and our future generations. When one talks about our Tribal history and culture, the “Tree of Peace” is one aspect that should never be forgotten, the symbolism goes back to our creation times and the times of the Peacemaker, who carried the messages from “our Creator” (Songwahyatihson) to our ancestors and instructed the beginnings of our Ceremonies we have today. In those times it was becoming a dark and frightening time, all the nations were warring among each other, people were scared to leave the comfort of their village sites for the dangers that lurked about. Disputes were being carried on and on, never to be settled but avenged and revenged, kind of a never ending cycle. The Creator saw this and decided to send a messenger to the Ongwehonweh (the people), this messenger we call the “Peacemaker” he instructed the different nations on the laws of peace, power and righteousness, explaining how together our people will be strong and how Songwahyatihson wished it to be this way. The Peacemaker gathered the Ongwehonweh and a hole was made for all the Nations to throw their weapons of war within, to be washed away by the life waters of our mother the earth, and then he planted the “Tree of Peace” a Great White Pine. The White Pine was used to provide several reminders of this time of Peace, for one the Pine is always green even during winter months, this reminds that the peace is to live always not to fall and come back. Another the needles of the Pine are in bunches of three or five, three to reminder of us the principles of peace “Peace, Power, & Righteousness” and five to remind us it was the 5 Nations that received these instruction from the Peacemaker (Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida and Mohawk). With all this and much more in mind we dedicate this tree to all our people and future generations to remind us of these stories and to inspire all of us to learn and keep these traditions alive. This is what defines us as Seneca, Cayuga or Ongwehonweh. We are Hotinoshonni (People of the Longhouse) and our Traditions live on, Nyawehgowah (many, many thank you).



About GMS

THE GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

For students entering college for the first time in the fall 2012, the **GMS 2012 Scholarship Application online process is now open**. The **deadline** for all submissions is **Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. EST**.

GMS will select 1,000 talented students each year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice. We provide Gates Millennium Scholars with personal and professional development through our leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career.

Our program is more than a scholarship—it's an opportunity to change your life! Just ask Deonte Bridges how much the GMS scholarship means to him.

The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential by:

- Reducing financial barriers for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need;
- Increasing the representation of these target groups in the disciplines of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented;
- Developing a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees; and
- Providing seamless support from undergraduate through doctoral programs, for students selected as Gates Millennium Scholars entering target disciplines.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, established in 1999, was initially funded by a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The GMS Scholarship Award Provides:

- Support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help aid;
- Renewable awards for Gates Millennium Scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress;
- Graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science;
- Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities.

Program Accomplishment:

- Funding more than 15,000 Gates Millennium Scholars since the inception of the program
- Obtained a 79.9% graduation rate in five years*
- Supported Gates Millennium Scholars enrolled in more than 1,500 colleges and universities
- Supported Gates Millennium Scholars representing 50 states and five outlying areas
- Graduated over 7,000 Gates Millennium Scholars since the program's inception
- Five year retention rate of 87.7%*

*Reflects cohorts 1 through 4

Administration:

UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—administers the Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS). To reach, coordinate and support the constituent groups, UNCF has partnered with the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund to assist in implementing the program.

The GMS Advisory Council has seven members: six members from higher education and one member representing the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Advisory Council members include:

- Youlonda Copeland-Morgan, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Financial Aid Service, Syracuse University
- Carmen D. Lopez, Executive Director, College Horizons Inc.
- Dr. Raymund Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Margaret Daniels Tyler, Senior Program Officer, Education, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The GMS program is more than just a scholarship. The GMS program offers Gates Millennium Scholars with ACademic Empowerment (ACE) services to encourage academic excellence; mentoring services for academic and personal development; and an online resource center that provides internship, fellowship and scholarship information.

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From the Violence Against Women Office

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is our opportunity to use every occasion to speak out about domestic violence, to challenge misconceptions, to raise awareness, to talk to our daughters, sisters, mothers, sons, brothers, fathers, wives and husbands, friends and colleagues, about the epidemic of domestic violence, to safely intervene when someone's safety is, or is about to be, compromised. It is also a time to recommit to ending violence in all its forms, speaking up when you see it happen, inform family and friends that it is not acceptable. Everyone has a role to play, and every bit helps. By not speaking up, by turning away and doing nothing, make us complacent participants and involved in something wrong: inaction condones the very violence we seek to end. By ending violence, this helps seven generations, this means our children, grandchildren and our community we live in. We have to start somewhere; one person at a time will help seven generations.



Thank You

The family of Tom A. Chase would like to Thank Everyone for flowers, food and your presence at our time of sorrow. Everything was greatly appreciated. Once again, Thank You.

Alicia Chase and Family



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The Seneca-Cayuga Tribal Newsletter is mailed free, one per household, to enrolled members of the Seneca-Cayuga General Council.

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Footprints in the Milky Way

Throughout the year, we strive to place the passing of our fellow Tribal members in the newsletter. Sometimes we do not receive the information and therefore miss informing you of the loss of our friends and family. We have attempted to go back and retrieve the names of those members we overlooked in the past two years. We are including all the names we could find who have not been identified in a prior newsletter, as well as those who have passed recently. We apologize for the lateness of this information.

Footprints in the Milky Way

Tyler Vaughan
1/12/1992 - 8/29/2010

Rosalee Davis Tanner
10/14/1921 - 2/12/2011

Suzanne Marie Aviles
9/20/1961 - 2/18/2011

Robert S. Bighorse
11/7/1932 - 2/28/2011

Mark Chambers
12/25/1964 - 3/28/2011

Daniel Geronimo Davis
7/20/1930 - 4/14/2011

Darrell Lafain Laughlin
1/8/1956 - 5/4/2011

Nakota Charea Whitetree
5/10/2011 - 6/3/2011

Barbara Jo Horvat
1/21/1040 - 5/11/2011

Kathleen Marie Smith
9/16/1963 - 6/20/2011

Sidney Schmidt
5/19/1940 - 7/17/2011

Mary Jane Howerton Richardson
7/23/1929 - 8/11/2011

Anthony Enos Redeagle
7/23/1963 - 8/26/2011

Jeannie Sue Gering
8/12/1952 - 9/12/2011

Tom A. Chase
3/11/1949 - 10/12/2011

Newton Kay Payton
12/13/1941 - 10/23/2011



GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP FUND PROGRAMS

The Education Fellowship Fund: A maximum of \$2,500 per Fall and Spring semesters or \$1,250 per summer semester allowable for the educational needs of an eligible Tribal member. A onetime "Educational Supply Scholarship" in the amount of \$1,000, shall be given to full time students. A new completed application package for assistance must be submitted for each semester of enrollment. To be eligible for the Education Fellowship Fund, an applicant must be an enrolled Tribal Member and must provide proof of enrollment or acceptance of enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited college or university or an accredited trade or vocational school training school. An undergraduate applicant for the fund must provide proof of enrollment in a minimum of twelve (12) semester class hours during the spring or fall school term or proof of enrollment in a minimum of 6 semester hours during the summer term or fall/spring term to receive half the Education Fellowship Fund (\$1,250). Incarcerated students shall be eligible for tuition, books, and fees. Part-time students shall be eligible for tuition, books, and fees.

A Graduate Applicant for the fund must provide proof of enrollment in a minimum of nine (9) semester class hours during the fall or spring term or proof on enrollment in a minimum of one course during the summer term or fall/spring term to receive half the Education Fellowship Fund (\$1,250).

Eligibility Requirement for Continued Educational Fellowship funding: Students must maintain no less than a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and provide an official transcript with their renewal applicant package. Applicants with a grade point average below 2.0 will be placed on a probationary period for one semester. At the conclusion of one semester, if the GPA remains below a 2.0, applicants will NOT be eligible for funding until earning equal credit hours on own and proof of the minimum 2.0 GPA has been met. Proof must be in the form of an official transcript. Applicants withdrawing core credit hours after receiving funding will be suspended from future funding until earning equal credit hours on own and proof of the minimum 2.0 GPA has been met.

New Student Applications Will Not Be Accepted After: Fall Semester — July 15

Spring Semester — November 15 Summer Semester — April 15

Applicants will be served on a first come, first serve basis. A completed application package for the Education Fellowship Fund Program consists of the following:

A. **New Students:** Must file a completed application package for the Education Fellowship Fund Program. Applications will not be considered complete unless the student submits the following:

1. Completed application form.
2. Proof of enrollment or acceptance of enrollment as a full-time student.
3. Copy of class schedule.
4. Copy of High School Diploma, copy of GED score, or official college transcript of last school attended.
5. Permission of Release of Information signed and dated.
6. Copy of Tribal Enrollment Card.

B. **Continuing Student:** To remain eligible for Renewal Education Fellowship Funds, students must maintain no less than a 2.0 GPA and provide a copy of their semester grade report (official transcript) with their renewal application package. Applicants with a grade point average below 2.0 will be placed on a probationary period for one semester. At the conclusion of one semester, if the grade point average remains below 2.0, applicants will be suspended and not be eligible for funding until proof of the minimum 2.0 grade point average is met earning equal credit hours.

Renewal Applications Will Not Be Accepted After:

Fall Semester — July 15

Spring Semester - November 15

Summer Semester - April 15

Renewal applications will not be considered complete unless the student submits the following:

1. Completed renewal application package.
2. Copy of official transcript with last semester's grades along with a copy of an official class schedule by the application deadline.

C. Use of Education Fellowship Funds: Education Fellowship Funds are a source of funding for qualified students and will be paid directly to the students. The student may use the funds for tuition, books, and fees and any other school related expense. Any applicant/student found to be defrauding the Education Fellowship Fund Program will be suspended indefinitely.

D. Semester Limitation — Six (6) semesters for Junior Colleges and (12) semesters for Senior College.

E. Appeals Process

1. Students wishing to appeal an adverse decision effecting their application for educational funding must file a written notice of appeal in the office of the Executive Director, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, 23701 S. 655 Road, Grove, Oklahoma 74344 within 10 working days of receipt of this notice of decision. You must also send a copy of the notice of appeal to the Business Committee, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, 23701 S. 655 Road, Grove, Oklahoma 74344. A notice of appeal that is filed by mail is considered filed on the date that it is postmarked. The burden of proof of timely filing is on the appellant. No extension of time shall be granted for filing a notice of appeal. Notices of appeal not filed in the specified time shall not be considered, and the decision involved shall be considered final for the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma and effective when the time for filing a notice of appeal has expired and no notice of appeal has been filed.

2. The notice of appeal must: (a) Include name, address, and phone number of appellant. (b) Be clearly labeled or titled with the words "NOTICE OF APPEAL." (c) Have on the face of any envelope in which the notice is mailed or delivered, in addition to the address, the clearly visible words "NOTICE OF APPEAL." (d) Contain a statement of the decision being appealed that is sufficient to permit identification of the decision. (e) If possible, attach a copy of the notice of the administrative decision being appealed.

3. Statement of reasons. (a) A statement of reasons shall be filed by the appellant in every appeal, and shall be accompanied by or otherwise incorporate all supporting documents. (b) The statement of reasons must be included in or filed with the notice of appeal. (c) The statement of reasons shall: (1) Be clearly labeled "STATEMENT OF REASONS". (2) State the reason(s) why the appellant believes the decision being appealed is in error.

4. Summary dismissal. (a) An appeal will be dismissed if the notice of appeal is not filed within the time specified in paragraph 1 above. (b) An appeal may be subject to summary dismissal if the appeal documents do not state the reasons why the appellant believes the decision being appealed is in error, or the reasons for the appeal are not otherwise evident in the documents.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The foregoing Amended Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma Claims Committee Declaration of Policy — Governing By-Laws and Plan of Operation for the Provision of Services was approved and adopted by the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma on the 10th day of August, 2011, with a vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

ATTEST:

John R. Birkes, Secretary-Treasurer


LeRoy Howard, Chief



From the Seneca-Cayuga Department of Economic Development

Sge'no, it is my pleasure to introduce to you the **Seneca-Cayuga Department of Economic Development (SCDED)**.

The SCDED is responsible for assisting the Business Committee in carrying out authorities and responsibilities of the Tribe for economic development and the advancement of our citizens. We will work to prepare and implement economic and community development plans, programs and services. We will work closely with the Economic Development Committee and other Tribal Government Staff to promote diversified business opportunities.

It is with pride that our tribe joins the ranks of other great nations that are proactive about self-determination. We will work to provide guidance to individuals and companies to establish, relocate, or expand their businesses within our tribal jurisdiction. We will assist with local and tribal permitting processes and provide research for tribally sponsored projects.

By seeking to grow our economics we advance tribal efforts to be truly sovereign and build our Nation.

“Nation Building”

NATION: from the Latin *natio*, birth, to be born a people having a common origin, tradition, and language and capable of forming or actually constituting a nation-state or Sovereign.

BUILDING: to form by ordering and uniting by gradual means into a composite whole, to cause to be constructed, to develop according to a systematic plan, by a definite process.

The SCDED has the good fortune to be involved in the futures of our people. We are a proud people that have and continue to overcome many man induced challenges. The Chickasaws are known as the “Unconquered and Unconquerable” Chickasaw Nation. This spirit prevails among us as well. The SCDED will serve as the link to the Business Committee and the Tribe’s overall economic needs, priorities, goals and objectives; we will develop, for approval, a tribal economic policy to further the Tribe’s goals of self-determination and economic self-sufficiency.

OUR PROGRESS

New Tribally Owned Business Enterprises

- **Sky-Dancer Convenience Store**
- **Seneca-Cayuga Commercial Furniture, LLC dba Sky-Dancer Office Solutions – A Commercial Furniture Dealer and Full Service Office Supplies Distributor**
- **Sky-Dancer Energy Services, LLC (Not yet operational)**
- **Sky-Dancer Gas and Oil Well Services, LLC (Not yet operational)**
- **Sky-Dancer Environmental Services, LLC (Not yet operational)**
- **Sky-Dancer Electrical Services, LLC (Not yet operational)**

Please join us as we move toward our dreams, the first American’s dreams. Please get in touch with us to share your ideas and opportunities. We are actively seeking your input and invite you to email or call. Send your business ideas to hbacon@sctribe or call 918-787-5452.

We are looking for opportunities that have the potential to: Be Self Sustaining, have Positive Cash Flow, Create Jobs and Good Will, Fit our “Sky-Dancer” and “Grand Lake” brand image, Endure the rigors of a comprehensive Feasibility Study, Produce Measurable Public Benefit and Yield a Reasonable Return on Investment.

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Director of Economic Development



Seneca Cayuga Gift Shop

A small gift shop is now open in the Seneca-Cayuga office in Grove, Oklahoma. All items are listed below and on our web-site at "sctscribe.com".

Tribal Flags - \$50.00 each
Size – 5' X3'

Vanity Plates - \$10.00 each

Window flag - \$8.00 each
2- sided Size – 12" X 18"

Full color tribal logo Screen Printed Adult Tee Shirts

Short Sleeve

Small, Medium, Large \$8.00 each

X-large, 2-X, 3-X. \$10.00 each

Colors – Sand, Indigo Blue, Light Pink

Long Sleeve

Small, Medium, Large \$10.00

X-large, 2-X, 3-X. \$12.00

Colors – Sand, Indigo Blue, Light Blue, Ash

Full color tribal logo Screen Printed Youth Tee Shirts

Short Sleeve

X-small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large \$ 8.00

Colors – Maroon, Sand, Indigo Blue, Pink

Long Sleeve

X-small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large \$ 10.00

Colors – Maroon, Ash, Light Blue

Tote Bags \$8.00 Tribal Logo in White - Colors: Brown, Maroon, Black

Visors with Hiawatha Belt

Visors-Small \$8.00

Colors: Red, Lime, White, Yellow

Visors – Large \$10.00

Colors: Blue, Green, White, Red

Caps with Full Color Embroider Tribal Logo - \$12.00

Lanyards - \$2.50 each

Coffee mugs - \$6.00

Hoodie with zipper.

Size – small, medium, large \$40.00

X-large, 2X, 3X, 4X \$45.00

Hoodies with Pocket Logo (Special Order)

Hoodie

Size – small, medium, large \$35.00

X-large, 2-X, 3-X, 4-X \$40.00

Prices listed are for sizes small to X-large - Colors: Blue, Ash, Brown, Maroon, Gray

Denim Shirts with Pocket Logo - Special Order

Short Sleeved Ladies Denim Shirt – small, medium, large \$30.00

X-large, 2X, 3X, \$34.00

4X, 5X, 6X, \$40.00

Long Sleeved Ladies Denim Shirt – small, medium, large \$30.00

X-large, 2X \$35.00

3X, 4X \$40.00

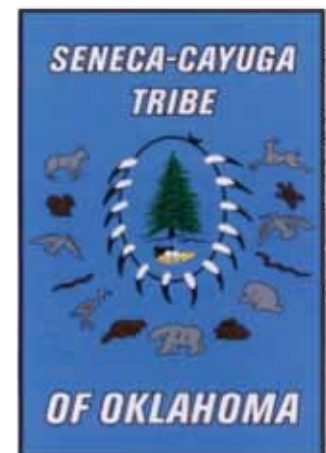
Long Sleeved Mens Denim Shirt – small, medium, large \$30.00

X-large, 2X \$35.00

3X, 4X \$40.00

5X, 6X \$45.00

Large Throw (58" x 70")
\$ 40.00 plus \$ 9.00 shipping



Call for shipping cost.

Payment: Money Order Only

Call for returns policy.

Call for more information or to place an order

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