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Greetings!

We completed our mortgage payment, and the Tribal Property is now wholly owned by the Tribe. Without your support, we would not have been successful. Although we have had our successes and difficulties in this tough economic environment, the Tribe continues to need your support in order to continue to serve the community. We have several very important issues that require your input and participation in order to keep OBSN a viable organization.

Elections: Elections for Tribal Council will be held this fall, in accordance with our Constitution. Please be on the lookout for self-nomination letters in early September. OBSN deserves to have a professional, dedicated, and responsible Tribal Council Members to run the operations of the Tribe, in order to serve you, its Tribal Members. If you are a professional, dedicated, and responsible Tribal Member who is interested in serving as a Tribal Council Member, please do not hesitate to consider self-nomination for the upcoming election.

PowWow Planning Meeting: Because we chose to finalize our mortgage payment, and because of the tough economic environment, the Tribal Council felt it was not feasible to hold a PowWow this summer. We have heard your comments and concerns, and take each one of them to heart. On Thursday, September 8, 2011, we will dedicate our entire meeting as the PowWow Planning Committee. At this meeting, we must have committed, dedicated, and responsible tribal member attendance in order to discuss, plan, reinvent, and reprogram the OBSN PowWow in its entirety. Everything regarding the PowWow will be on the table. If you want to have a successful event in the future, please roll up your sleeves and participate this meeting!

Donations and Volunteers: The Tribe weighs heavily on a few dedicated volunteers. Please do not hesitate to contact the Tribe in order to offer any volunteer services that you may have. Sometimes, the simplest things make the biggest difference in an organization. Please do not ever hesitate to make a financial contribution or donation to the Tribe, as all financial donations are tax deductable.

I would like to personally thank everyone who made donations to the Occaneechi Tribe over the past few years. It is critical that each OBSN Tribal Member serve as an ambassador for the Occaneechi People.

Sincerely,
WA Tony" Hayes

From the Tribal Chairman

The Mission and Vision of the Tribe

Intent to fulfill the mandates of our Mission and Vision, the OBSN have relentlessly and tirelessly pursued our passions to preserve, protect and promote our history, culture and traditions. Ultimately, we desire to be unified, self-reliant with sustainable and diversified revenue sources. We want to leave a legacy of hope to our children and a solid financial base for individual members as well as the corporate Tribal Community at large. Seemingly, often, against all odds, we have done so, and continue to step deliberately and progressively forward gaining hard won ground. Occaneechi history reflects a people who have had to be flexible, patient and resilient to survive and be successful.

Featured Photos

Photos taken on our Tribal Grounds.
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Wedding Announcement

Airreia Faith Smith Pierce, Tribal Member and 2007 G.C. & Ruth Whitmore Memorial Scholarship recipient married Samuel Arthur Pierce on September 18, 2010 in Greensboro, NC. Airreia and Sam will reside and work in Greensboro. Sam is a Youth Sports Coach and Airreia is a Pre-K Teacher. All the best to this wonderful couple.

Our Online Store Needs Your Items!

Your Tribal Online Store is in need of handcrafted items to sell. Artwork and Crafts that are handcrafted by American Indians are in high demand on the PowWow circuit and via the internet. We encourage all Occaneechi Tribal Member craftsmen and craftswomen to consider listing their crafts on consignment through our Online Store, and at the Occaneechi Trading Post on our Tribal Grounds in Pleasant Grove. As an enrolled Tribal Member, your handiwork would be listed as American Indian made.

Items consigned for sale through the Tribal Online Store are listed for a 70%-30% split. The Tribe is also considering a flat rate fee for listing items on consignment. Occaneechi craftsmen and women may also donate any of their crafts or artwork to the Tribe as a tax deductable donation.

We should be proud of our American Indian Heritage. regardless of how you learned your crafting abilities, please do not hesitate to contact me if you are an enrolled Tribal Member who wishes to list your hand crafted items for sale in our online store. Additionally, if enough local interest is generated, the Tribe could possibly have some workshops on the Tribal Grounds to learn and enhance our crafting skills. Please don't hesitate to contact me. Barbara Martin Lipscomb at bmarlsips@hotmail.com or call me at 336-516-0103. I look forward to hearing from you!