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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) will recognize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as an Oklahoma Clean Community for the second consecutive year during a special ceremony scheduled for June 3, 2015 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Annex Building, located at 70500 E. 128 Road in Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe holds a tire collection event annually during which an average of 1,235 tires are collected for recycling. This year, the tire collection event will be held May 29th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 30th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 10080 S. Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma also engages in several environmental service projects, including participation in the Great American Cleanup and promotion of rainwater collection and sustainable landscaping. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe strives to protect natural resources by monitoring and protecting surrounding waterways and including energy efficient methods in new construction projects.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe continues to hold events to educate the public on environmental issues and the benefits of recycling. The Four Feathers Recycling Center, built in 2008, is open to the public and services local businesses and individuals. The tribe also works to reduce the amount of materials used altogether by adopting and promoting use of a paperless policy, whenever possible.

DEQ and KOB recognize entities that hold at least one tire collection event annually and participate in other environmental service projects. DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ's Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete and all criteria for other service projects are met, a community can be recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrq.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov or 405-702-5175.

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