

# **10<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Tar Creek**

## **Day 1 September 16, 2008 Tuesday**

- 8:00 – 9:00      **Registration**
- 9:00    *Workshops – Vaughn Wascovich*  
          *Meg Sullivan workshop*  
          *Olive Sullivan workshop*
- 9:00 – 9:15 **KICKOFF: Fairland High School Cheerleaders**  
**Welcome and Introductions**  
          Rebecca Jim, Executive Director, LEAD  
          Brent Brassfield, Mayor of Miami  
          Louis “Red” Mathia, President, LEAD Board
- 9:30 – 10:45    Keynote Speaker - **J.D. Strong**  
                    **Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment**  
                    Oklahoma Update  
Recognition of Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Trust  
**Tri-State Mining District Update (Tar Creek OU4-OU5)**  
          Ursula Lennex, Superfund Division, EPA Region 6  
          Bryant Burnett                            EPA Region 7  
  ODEQ, Tar Creek Section
- Youth Voice**  
10:45 – 11:50 **Cultural Impacts of the Tri-State Mining District**  
          Moderator: Earl Hatley, Grand Riverkeeper, Oklahoma  
          Tim Kent, Environmental Director, Quapaw Tribe  
          John Froman, Chief of the Peoria Tribe  
          Jason White, Environmental Dept., Cherokee Nation
- 500 Year Legacy of Mining in Bolivia,**  
          Dr. Bob Nairn, University of Oklahoma
- 11:50 – 12:00    **Wrap-Up/Announcements**
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Traditional Native American LUNCH**  
          **Youth Voice**  
1:15 – 1:45 **Quapaw Tribal Air Monitoring Project Update**  
          Tim Kent, Environmental Director, Quapaw Tribe
- 1:45 – 2:15 **Ecosystem Function of Mussels in Metal-Contaminated Sediments**  
          Dr. Robert Angelo, KDHE, Kansas
- 2:15 – 2:45 **Passive Treatment of Contaminated Mine Water**  
          Dr. Bob Nairn, Oklahoma University
- 2:45 – 3:00      **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Disasters, Flood and Ice**  
*Miami High School Learn and Serve teachers: John Kurtz, Jamie Stephens, Dawn Hill, Richard Cannon, and Kevin Abbott*
- 3:30 – 4:15 **Tracing Sources of Metals in Tar Creek**  
          **Floodplain Soil After the 2007 Flood**  
          Dr. Jim Shine, Harvard School of Public Health
- 4:15 – 4:45 **Update on Children’s Center**  
          Dr. Robert Wright Harvard School of Public Health  
          Dr. David Bellinger Harvard School of Public Health
- 4:45 – 5:00    **Open Discussion/Wrap Up**
- 5:00 – 6:00    **Poster Session**
- 6:30      \* Pre Movie Panel Discussion  
          **Featuring: OK Attorney General Drew Edmonson**  
          Producer Don McCorkell, Chief Leaford Bearskin & Others  
          *Lite supper of Free range eggs*
- 7:00      **Movie: *SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER***  
          Coleman Theater

\*Post Movie Panel Discussion, including successful activists from Ottawa and Craig Counties

## **Day 2 September 17, 2008 Wednesday**

- 8:00 – 9:00      **Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:30      **Keynote Speaker – Drew Edmonson**  
                    **Oklahoma Attorney General**
- 9:30 – 9:45      Question and Answer session
- 9:45 – 10:00     **Break**
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Abandoned Mine Water Environmental Impacts**  
                    Dr. Bob Nairn, University of Oklahoma
- 10:30 – 10:45     **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:00     **“Dreams of the Fisherperson”**  
*Eisenhower International School-Tulsa, grades 3,4,5 French Students instructed by: Hye-Young Kim, Michelle Barnes, Sandy Weller, Lisa Wagoner, Clark Frayser*  
                    *Site tour lead by Juli Mathews, City of Miami*
- 11:00 - 11:30     **Changes in Concentrations of Selected Metals from the Mid 1980’s to the Mid 2000’s in Tar Creek**  
                    William Andrews, OU, USGS  
                    J.R. Masoner, USGS
- Youth Voice “How I Protect Myself from a Cave-in”**  
11:30 – 12:00     **Subsidence Update**  
                    Ken Luza  
                    Ed Keheley
- 12:00 – 1:30     **Native American Contemporary LUNCH**  
                    Awards – Scholarships – Mike Synar Awards, Bike Drawings
- 1:30 – 2:00      **USGS Update**  
                    Dr. Kim Winton
- 2:30- 3:00      **Collaborative Activities and Accomplishments at Tar Creek**  
                    Gene Lilly, US Army Corps of Engineers
- 3:00 – 3:15      **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:00      **Recent Science on Health Impacts of Lead**  
                    Dr. David Bellinger Harvard School of Public Health
- Youth Voice**  
4:00 – 5:00      **What is PTSD?**  
**Symptoms, Expected Behaviors and Treatment**  
                    Marianne Hopkins, Harvard School of Public Health  
                    Harold Price and Kristy Chance, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe  
                    Judy Long, Directions Behavior Health Clinic
- With a Question and Answer session**
- Wrap up: Rebecca Jim**
- Close**
- 6:00 – 7:00      *FREE! NEO Going Green Presentation*
- READING THE LAND: CYNICISM, NOSTALGIA & CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPE**  
A talk by Vaughn Wascovich, assistant professor of photography, Department of Art, Texas A&M University – Commerce  
**With a Question and Answer session**

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**NOTE: The Tar Creek Conference is being offered for one (1) college credit through NEO. Pre-enroll or enroll on site.**

*LEAD Agency Invites you to the following events:*

## **The Tar Creek Conference Opening:** *Tickets are available at the door \$10*

### **The Dobson Museum**

September 15 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Recognizing Native American artist: Ron Seat at the Dobson Museum 110 A SW, Miami, Oklahoma during History, Culture and Chocolate. \*Featuring “Native American Ways” with Dr. William Stogsdill, Delaware and Cherokee elder, flutist and storyteller in the tribal area of the museum, or you can join John Mott and other miners in the mining section to hear about the “Old Mining Days” and view the many exhibits of mining items and mineral ore samples on display. This event is free to the public, but if you are a chocolate lover, join in with the Taste of Chocolate fundraiser and for \$10 enjoy all the delights! *If you have your own secret recipe and would like to have it sampled, please bring before 5:00.*

## ***SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER*** *Tickets are available at the door \$10*

### **The Coleman Theater**

September 16 7:00 pm

Come early to participate in discussions about the history of agriculture and its relationship to an American disaster i.e. the dust bowl, and what caused it and an introduction to the movie by the producer of the film. Locals in the film expected to attend are Earl Hatley, LEAD’s Grand Riverkeeper, Chief Leaford Bearskin, Bill Berry and Riley Needham of Honey Creek. Special guest Attorney General Drew Edmondson will participate. The Attorney General will be the keynote speaker at the Tar Creek Conference at 9:00 am Wednesday, with a question and answer session.

A heart stopping new documentary, “Shall We Gather at the River” has just been released which exposes a huge health and environmental scandal in our modern industrial system of meat and poultry production. The health and environmental damage documented in today’s factory farms far exceeds the damage that Sinclair could have imagined a century ago.

We want to encourage anyone who signed a petition, attended a meeting, made those organizing calls, those who stood up and spoke out to come, see this movie, and see why the fight was so important and to celebrate their efforts. This area fought to protect their neighbors and their environment from an industry that rarely loses,” said Rebecca Jim

Richard Stepp will begin the program with a song from his CD, the Sacred Journey. Miami High School chorus members, under Ron Stowell’s direction will engage the audience with the song giving name to the movie.

“Rivers and lakes in northeast Oklahoma are all bearing the brunt of the poultry industry waste, with loadings of heavy bacteria and nutrients in these waters, changing the way they can be used, if used at all,” Earl Hatley said.

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