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“RULING CLEARLY CONFIRMS THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE’S RIGHT TO GOVERN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRUST ALLOTMENTS.”

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GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow tribal members: First let me thank you all for your votes in the March election. It is encouraging to see more Tribal members voting.

Most of what I was prepared to discuss this month has been addressed at the General Council meeting in April. I want to thank everyone who attended, and also thank you for the important and valid questions that you presented to and the other Executive Committee members. If any questions you had, or for any new questions you have, have not been addressed by now please contact my office for answers. If I don't have the answers, I will certainly research and find them for you. It has come to my attention that there are many glaringly false rumors being circulated by persons running for office. These pertain to the TEC board, the Joint Venture Clinic, Profits from the Casino and the Tribal Store, and the Health Board, and other issues. Most of these issues were addressed at General council, but false rumors are still floating around.

I guess the best answers for all the rumors is to come by my office, or call my office and get the REAL facts as I have them. Don't believe someone who is making false statements. I don't run from any person(s) who make false state-

ments about how this Tribe has been run since I became Governor. If you have any concerns about how I have run this office in the short time I have been here PLEASE COME BY AND SEE ME, don't take another person's word on what I have or haven't done. My number to my home and cell phone are available here at the office. Call my assistant for these numbers if you need to talk to me, or if you have any concerns. I can answer for ME much better than SOMEONE ELSE can, and I answer or return all calls made to me.

Don't forget to vote next month, June 18, 2011

Respectfully yours,
George Blanchard

LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

We were very glad to hear, early in the second week of May, that Judge Reeh had found in favor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on the Probate issue. However; the Citizen Potawatomi have thirty (30) days to file an appeal. In my interpretation of the Opinion, it seems that the CPN would not feel confident in being successful in the appeal process either. A more detailed article will follow this report; the article was compiled by the Tribe's attorney, William R. Perry.

However, I would like to thank the staff for all of the effort they put into assisting Mr. Perry in gathering the evidence that was filed in the case. Mr. Perry was excellent in his representation of the Tribe, the staff was also excellent in researching and providing him with documentation he needed to put the case together. Thank you for taking the time out of your already busy jobs and assisting Mr. Perry. It took a lot of team work for the tribe to win this case and I commend all of you for being team players which resulted in a huge win for the tribe. I would also like to thank the Tribal members that showed up at the hearings and voiced their opinion

when the Judge asked them to speak and thanks to those who sat in the gallery in support of the Tribe.

The grand opening for Horse Shoe Bend was held on April 30th. Upon final inspection of the facility we found some minor areas in which we would like to improve. They are not significant but since we are doing the project, we want it to be right. Completing these small projects should not interfere with any activities that are going on at the facility. I would also like to thank all the departments that worked hard on this project. I know I have mentioned it before, but this project could not have been completed without a combination of efforts, both funding wise and work wise. I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard on this. I would also like to thank the tribal members for their suggestions and ideas.

I plan to do a more in depth report next month. We have several projects going on, by the time the next newsletter comes out we will have advanced a bit farther and I can provide you with more information on what we are working on and what kind of progress we are making.

/s/

Isaac Gibson
Lieutenant Governor

Probate Case Update

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has now obtained a favorable decision in the probate case – the case which concerns which tribe is the “tribe with jurisdiction” over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Judge Reeh, an Interior Department Probate Judge who heard the case, determined that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the “tribe with jurisdiction” and ruled in favor

of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in all respects. Under Judge Reeh’s ruling certain fractional interests in Absentee Shawnee trust allotments will pass to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, under the federal law known as the American Indian Probate Reform Act. In addition, Judge Reeh’s ruling clearly confirms the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s right to govern the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.

The case involved probates of lands allotted in the late 1800’s to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. These trust lands have always been subject to the exclusive tribal jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Under the American Indian Probate Reform Act (known as “AIPRA”), when an Indian passes away without a will and without eligible heirs, certain interests in his or her trust lands pass to the “tribe with jurisdiction” over those lands. The term “tribe with jurisdiction” is not defined in AIPRA.

The dispute leading to the case began when a Master (an Interior Department official assigned to conduct certain probate hearings), filed a recommended decision suggesting that the Citizen Potawatomi was the “tribe with jurisdiction” over Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. This was contrary to all prior rulings, and clearly inconsistent with the longstanding and exclusive exercise of jurisdiction by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. But this erroneous recommendation raised an issue that needed to be resolved. All of the pending probates that raised this issue were consolidated together to address the “tribe with jurisdiction” issue, and the matter went forward before Judge Reeh. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe took an active role in the case, and was represented by Bill Perry from the Sonosky firm from Washington D.C. A hearing was held in the matter in Oklahoma City on March 16, 2011, at

which the parties provided arguments regarding the “tribe with jurisdiction” issue. And this week we received Judge Reeh’s favorable ruling.

The Absentee Shawnee position in the probate case was that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the only tribe that exercises actual jurisdiction over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments, and this has always been the case. These lands were set aside by the United States for the Absentee Shawnee and have been in Absentee Shawnee ownership and under Absentee Shawnee governmental authority for generations.

Citizen Potawatomi also participated in the case. Citizen Potawatomi did not claim that they exercise jurisdiction over Absentee Shawnee trust allotments today – or that they have ever done so. Instead, they argued that the Collier case – a 1998 Court of Appeals decision regarding taking fee lands into trust in the former reservation -- made Citizen Potawatomi the “tribe with jurisdiction” over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Of course, as the Absentee Shawnee argued, Collier involved only the process for taking fee land into trust, and had nothing to do with which tribe has jurisdiction over these Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.

Judge Reeh agreed with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s position, and rejected the Citizen Potawatomi position. Judge Reeh determined that Collier involved only fee lands and the status of the former reservation before 1891 – the year in which Congress enacted the measure which confirmed the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Judge Reeh’s decision clearly states that “Collier does not address present-day ownership or jurisdiction.” So, as Judge Reeh’s ruling reinforces, Collier has no impact on Absentee Shawnee

jurisdiction over Absentee Shawnee trust allotments today.

Judge Reeh further found that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe exercises actual civil jurisdiction over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments, and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes the Tribe's right to do so. As a result, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the "tribe with jurisdiction" under AIPRA.

Judge Reeh's ruling is a strong confirmation of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's right to self-government. While the ruling may still be appealed, we are very pleased with the ruling, and we will continue to do all that is necessary to vindicate the rights of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

EDUCATION BOARD:

1 - opening

TAX COMMISSION:

2 - openings

HEALTH BOARD:

2 - openings

FOSTER CARE:

2 - openings

Send letter of Interest to Secretary's office with resume.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members, Congratulations to the candidates that will be on the ballot for June 18th election! Remember to cast your vote in the election; this is your time to exercise your right as a tribal member. Glad to see the great turnout of tribal members at the 67th Semi-Annual General Council. Monthly activity as follows:

- Attended monthly Investment with Redstone Investment Meeting
- Attended monthly Program Directors/Managers meeting
- Attended the Monthly AST Health Board of Directors Meeting
- Attended Regular Executive Committee Meeting and two Special Executive Committee Meeting for new enrollees about 210 new enrollees since November when blood quantum change to 1/8th and have received 300+ applications for enrollment.
- Attended ASEDA Fleet RES conference informational meeting. Hope you all got to see the News Articles in the NewsOK, 3-16-11, Native Times, 3-16-11, and Indian Country Today, 3-3-11, if not I have copies.
- Attended monthly Elders' Meeting, at the AST Resource Center, who sponsored a candidate forum for all the candidates but only five showed up
- Cobell Meeting with the Attorneys: Keith Harper, Ron Harmala, and Alex Pearl, in Durant, OK. Brief summary: Two class actions are: Historical and Trust Administration. Deadline

for claims form are April 20, 2011. Expect to receive \$1,000 or more depending on your circumstance. Check from Treasury will be mailed out early September thru November 2011 to your home if IIM information is correct (Very important that IIM address/info is correct). Trust Administration check will be sent out in summer of 2012. May receive \$800 (depending on your circumstance). Total award could be up to \$1800 received, depending on your circumstance. If you didn't receive a notice in mail, call 1-800-961-6109 or visit www.IndianTrust.com.

- Attended the Probate case between AST and Citizen Band Pottawatomis, "Tribe with jurisdiction" over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.
- Attended General Managers and TEC Board informational meeting on New Casino
- Received Temporary Gaming License
- ASEDA Regular Board Meeting
- Congratulations to Executive Committee Members' March Employee of the Month, Amy Hilderbrand, Finance
- Encourage all tribal members to open an account at our AST tribally-owned bank, AllNations Bank.

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God bless you this time of year! See below articles from AllNations Bank; Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA), Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department. Sincerely,
Kathy Deere, Treasurer

Hello Tribal Members

I chose this title for my monthly article because of my office is located in the corner of building No. 2, directly north of Treasurer Kathy Deere. From my office I have three large windows that provide me a wide open view of the east side of the complex and allow rays of sun to warm and bring a new day on the horizon for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

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- **Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc.(ASEDA, Inc.):**

Attended a formal business meeting with Jett Parker, Chief Visionary Officer in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The purpose of the meeting was to update ASEDA, Inc, on the status of leads and contacts as a result of ASEDA members attending RES 2011 Economic Development Summit in March. ASEDA FLEET Inc., is the new business venture.

- **Shawnee Language Revitalization Grant:**

As previously reported in last month's newsletter, Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Eastern Shawnee Tribe have collaborated in a submission of a Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant funded through the office of Administration for Native Americans (ANA). The Eastern Shawnee Tribe will be notified on awarding of grant in September 2011.

- **Building Partnerships for Community and Economic Sustainability:**

In order for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to prosper and be successful you build partnerships with the local community. I have been in contact with local entities that are willing to support and assist our development. They are (1) Greater Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, (2) Shawnee Economic Development Foundation (SEDF), and (3) Oklahoma Baptist University, Paul Dickin-

son School of Business.

In next month's newsletter I will report on the progress of our partnerships. My door is always open "In My Corner" to tribal members or they can contact me at 275.4030.ext 148 or e-mail eddieb@astribe.com.

Respectfully,

Eddie Brokeshoulder

Financial Consultant

ALLNATIONS BANK

Hello Again To All Our Absentee Shawnee Friends,

Our Shawnee branch is up and running. We have a full service branch bank located at the door step of the tribal headquarters, so take a few minutes out of your busy day and drop by and say hello.

As I mentioned last month, a good way to get started banking with a new bank is to open a simple account and over time you can move more of your banking business over a period of time. Do not forget that AllNations Bank is **100% owned by your tribe.**

I would like to bring to your attention a new e-mail problem. There have been several incidences of "hackers" getting into e-mail data bases. These hackers are up to no good. Some people might think that someone having your e-mail address is no big deal, but in this case it is a big deal. Many large U.S. corporations to include banks, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer, Walgreen's and others use a vendor called Epsilon to send e-mails.

Someone hacked into Epsilon's data base and now "bad people" have access to e-mail accounts in which they will try to "trick you" into giving personal information and then in time they will use that information to exploit your finances or even destroy your computer.

As a reminder, we recommend that you:

- Do not give anyone your Internet banking user ID or password in an e-mail
- Do not respond to e-mails that require you to enter personal information directly into the e-mail
- Do not respond to e-mails threatening to close your account (s) if you do not take the immediate action of providing personal information
- Do not reply to e-mails asking you to send personal information
- Do not use your e-mail address as a lo-gin ID or password

Security software on your computer does not protect you from e-mails that come from "trusted sites" that have been "hacked" by bad people. Use your common sense in responding to e-mails. Your "trusted sites" already have your personal information, they would not ask for it again.

This advice goes for e-mails from AllNations Bank. We will not ask for personal information by e-mail or over the phone. We may ask you for information concerning activity on your account, in other words information that only you would know.

AllNations Bank has been in business since 1901. We feel that we have the resources and policies in place to ensure

your safe banking.

Well, that all for now. As usual, if you have any questions feel free to give us a call at 273-0202 Shawnee Branch, or 893-2240 in Calumet. Come in and open an account TODAY!

Have a Great Day,

Bob, Gene, and staff

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business.

Our 2010 Audit is well under way and began February 28, 2011. The esti-

mated completion date is April 2011 and will include the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2010 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The Finance staff is working on the March reconciliations for financial reporting. The majority of the documents and records for Audit have been pulled and submitted to the Auditors. The Audit seems to be going very well.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 final document has been signed by the Governor and mailed. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 and we have received final letter signed by the National Business Center.

The finance department continues to complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; so that financial reports can be created for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for health programs both Shawnee and Little Axe. It is imperative the accounting / book-keeping continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audits are used to calculate the proposal.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction.

If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Respectfully,
Belinda Collins, Controller

ASEDA FLEET

ASEDA Fleet Board members (Dan Little Axe, President and Adam Proctor, Vice-President) attended the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) and American Indian Business Trade Fair in Las Vegas, NV., held March 14-17, 2011. They had a display car and a table with handouts, business cards, and were available to answer questions and they came back with 44 referrals or leads for vehicles to lease, sell or buy. As of today, 4-5-11, we have 11 contracts in process. Considering we have only been in operations for three weeks this is excellent news! See attachment pamphlet for more information and soon we will have a link from our AST website to the ASEDA Fleet website. www.ASEDAfleet.com

Dan Little Axe, President

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FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION

Tribal Members:

The Primary Election results were Certified on Friday, March 25, 2011.

The following candidates will continue on to the Run Off Election to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

Governor:

*George Blanchard
Ewell Longhorn*

Tribal Secretary:

*Leonard Longhorn
Teri Reed (Teresa White)*

Please, take the opportunity to vote in person or by absentee ballot. The Absentee Ballot Request form can be found in the newsletter or on the Tribal web site.



CANDIDATE LETTERS

EWELL LONGHORN FOR GOVERNOR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE
IN MARCH

JUNE 18TH VOTE LONGHORN
FOR GOVERNOR!

Fellow Tribal Members:

First of all let me tell you very clearly that I have no intention of trying to stop the construction or operations of the Little Axe Health Center and the new Casino. However, if elected I will as a top priority seek to clearly determine whether our Constitution was followed in obligating the Tribe or putting tribal assets at risk with the loan for each; the Little Axe Health Center (Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. loan) and the new Casino (TEC Board loan). I will quickly inform General Council on the progress of these efforts.

Secondly, I have some critical information concerning the over \$30 million in debt for the Little Axe Health Center (\$26 Million Loan) and the Thunderbird Casino – Shawnee (estimated \$4-6 Million Loan). The information is critical. There's a **TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DEBT** and as a Tribal member, I am very concerned violations of our Tribe's Constitution occurred in the agreements or contracts for each

loan. Let me explain based on the excerpts from our Constitution as shown in italics below:

ARTICLE V POWERS

SECTION 2. The General Council of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma reserves and shall exclusively exercise the following powers, unless such powers are specifically delegated to the Executive Committee or other appropriate tribal entity in accordance with the process set forth in Article IX:

(a) Borrowing money which mortgages, encumbers or endangers any existing tribal properties, holdings or assets.

ARTICLE IX INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Under our Constitution, only General Council can exercise the power to borrow money that mortgages, encumbers or endangers any existing tribal properties, holdings or assets UNLESS General Council specifically delegates this power to the Executive Committee or other appropriate tribal entity in accordance with an Initiative Election or Referendum Election under Article IX.

The key terms used in these important

provisions of the Constitution are broad. "Existing tribal properties, holdings or assets" basically can be applied to all things of value held or owned under the large umbrella of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma including land, cash, equipment, investments in Tribal owned companies (these are tribal entities), and assets including cash, equipment and other properties owned by these tribal entities. "Mortgage", the bank can hold a mortgage on your home until you pay a loan off or if you are unable to pay then the bank will foreclose the mortgage and take your home. "Encumber" can refer to a mortgage, liens on property or a financial charge or burden to the encumbered property. "Endangers" is straightforward for we probably all know when you borrow money, your collateral is at risk of loss through foreclosure if you can't pay the loan. But this risk can run deeper than the collateral or the house you mortgage for the loan, the bank may enforce payment from other sources. In the case of the Little Axe Health Center debt the bank can enforce full payment from the Tribe as a guarantor of the debt. The scope of Tribal properties, holdings and assets put at risk for the Little Axe Health Center borrowing is extensive and far reaching!

The proper delegation of borrowing authority can and has been done per the Constitution in the past. Under separate Referendum Elections and

per Article IX of the Constitution, our General Council did authorize and delegate the power to borrow money to the Economic Development Authority (the old Bandage Group debts) and the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (federal charter corporation). Both the EDA and ASED were also restricted from obligating the Tribe when borrowing money.

Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. (Little Axe Health Center) and **Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc.** (TEC Board) were authorized and created under Executive Committee authority alone and without General Council's delegation of borrowing powers per Article IX of the Constitution. Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. has borrowed \$26 Million and by Executive Committee authority alone the Tribe has absolutely and unconditionally guaranteed to make all payments due on the \$26 Million loan! The TEC Board has borrowed money (estimated \$4-6 Million) to construct a casino on the Tribe's trust property and appears to have pledged the Tribe's gaming assets to secure the debt (See the TEC Article in AST News - March Edition).

There have been no Article IX Initiative or Referendum Elections in which the General Council delegated the Executive Committee the power to borrow money or mortgage, encumber or endanger any Tribal assets, holdings or properties in the process! And yet here we are over \$30 Million in debt! This debt poses an extreme risk to Tribal properties,

holdings and assets, and the Tribe's financial future for years to come, not only for current Tribal members but future generations as well. General Council has the power to make the right decisions, please do so with your vote on June 18th!

LET'S PUT THE "TRIBE" BACK INTO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Fewer than 300 or about 12% of the almost 2,500 Tribal members eligible to vote voted in the Primary Election! You know I appreciate the 12% who did vote, but can't help but see that only 12% of eligible voters electing the top Tribal official reflects a serious problem and an overall weakening in our fabric as a Tribe! Have too many of our Tribal members lost an interest or maybe even their connection with their Tribe? We must put the "Tribe" back into the Absentee Shawnee Tribe! As Governor I will lead this effort.

A top priority if elected as Governor will be to energize Tribal member interest and connection with their Tribe. I intend to use all my professional experience and the drive for our Tribe to succeed with active communication, participation and consultation with our Tribal members. My plan for putting the "Tribe" back into the AST is as follows:

1. Provide easy access to the Governor's office: Every month I will establish and schedule at least two full days (6 days total for the month) to hold my office hours at each;

the Little Axe (Resource Center), Shawnee/Tecumseh (Tribal Complex), and Johnson (Horseshoe Bend Center) areas of our community. On these days I will conduct business of the Tribe as required, but my first priority at each location will be to meet with and listen to the questions, concerns and recommendations of Tribal members by appointment or walk-in. I will stay as long as necessary.

2. Will seek to enlist Tribal members who wish to volunteer their time to act as "unofficial contacts" for Tribal members in their communities with the Governor. It is often difficult for Tribal members to express their questions, concerns or ideas with the Governor or others on the Executive Committee. These Volunteer unofficial contacts will be able to communicate such member concerns or ideas to the Governor and receive information from the Governor's office for distribution or discussion with their community members as well. The Volunteers need not be supporters for my election but only have the desire to serve and help improve communications between their Tribe's elected officials and their local community members. Our Tribal government cannot be responsive to Tribal member needs if elected officials

- don't know the needs or aren't listening.
3. Community Meetings will be scheduled between each General Council meeting to allow Tribal members in an informal group setting to ask questions and receive answers on Tribal matters from the Governor as well as any other Executive Committee member who may choose to attend. Updates can be given on Tribal projects and also on planned agenda items for the next General Council meeting.
 4. For those Tribal members with internet access, will seek to establish on the Tribe's website a Governor's Office link for Tribal members to express their questions, concerns, ideas and complaints with their Tribal government, leaders and enterprises. Internet access may be the most practical way for many long distance Tribal members to communicate and stayed connected with their Tribe.
 5. Help guide our Tribe with input from Tribal members, will seek to establish a tribal-wide survey to gain input from all General Council members on a range of items to include but not limited to the following:
 - a. On Tribal Economic Development projects, do you feel business projects should be mostly focused on generating revenues for the Tribe or more focused on generating jobs for Tribal members? Which is most important to you; revenues can

- be used by the Tribe for programs and assistance, but jobs may help you and other family members located close enough for employment with Tribal economic development projects?
- b. In allocating our Tribe's resources, how would you prioritize Education, Healthcare, Economic Development, Elder Assistance/Programs, Social Services (financial and other assistance/programs), Tribal Administration and Government, etc? What are your suggestions for other programs or assistance that the Tribe should consider for its members?
 - c. Do you feel our Tribal leaders conduct Tribal business in an open manner for Tribal members, or do you feel business is conducted more behind closed-doors without easy access for Tribal members?
 - d. Do you feel the Governor and other Executive Committee members should be overseeing federal and tribal programs or focused on functioning as the Executive and Legislative bodies

- of the Tribe per the Constitution? Our Tribe's jurisdiction and sovereignty seems under constant threat through lawsuits, federal and state legislation, and sometimes our own business decisions (sovereignty waived on Little Axe Heath Center debt).
- e. What are your ideas or recommendations for improving our Tribal government, programs, businesses, and/or ability to succeed for the sake of our membership?

Tribal members, I set out my plan for our Tribe in my March article and intend to follow through with the plan if elected. I have plans for dealing with the debt. Our Tribe has become fractionated (most of us have heard this term over and over again concerning our allotments) and so complicated and overburdened with debt, but I am confident that I am the best choice for Governor in these challenging times. It is critical that we Tribal members come together as the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in dealing with the many challenges and opportunities of the Tribe. We all may not agree on what direction we are moving but I will do my level best to make sure we will all know what direction we are trying to push. I am pledging to lead the effort to make the AST Tribal government, our government for our Tribal members! VOTE LONGHORN FOR GOVERNOR JUNE 18TH!

TERI REED (TERESA WHITE) FOR SECRETARY



Thank you to all of you who voted for me in the primary election. I would also like to thank my campaign supporters for their time and effort in spreading the word and for their help in visiting with tribal members that I was unable to reach. I truly appreciate each and every one of you and am asking for your vote and support in the June 18th election. The race for the Secretary position was a very close race and it will be important that each of you cast your vote again in the June election.

I recently participated in the elder's campaign forum that was held at the resource center and had a chance to visit with some of you about tribal government issues. I appreciated the opportunity to speak to this group and would like to recap some of the information that I shared with them.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

As an elected official of our tribe, I want to focus on:

- Improving the financial health and future well being of our tribe so that all tribal members benefit, regardless of where they reside
- Strengthen and improve our services to the elders
- Seek out and provide work opportunities for those who

can/want to work

- Provide more educational incentives for our youth, our future leaders

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

I have an extensive background in the business and corporate world. I was an executive for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 27 years. During that time I held a lot of different jobs.

- **Business Office Area Manager** – Supervised a workforce of over 90 employees including 6 managers
- **Certified Trainer and Instructor** – Traveled all over the state training employees on statistical data analysis, team building, leadership skills and problem solving
- **Corporate Trouble Shooter and Consultant** – Lead work teams all over the country who were working on multi-million dollar projects. It was my job to come in and analyze their data, determine their problems, and get them organized to make significant changes
- **President/Vice President Chamber of Commerce** - Noble Chamber of Commerce and Little Axe Chamber of Commerce

From my work experiences, I've learned that a diverse group of people working together can bring far greater rewards than anything one person can accomplish alone. I believe that for the Executive Committee to be its' most effective, you need the following:

1. Diverse group of individuals, both male and female, with

differing opinions

2. People who are fair and honest
3. Willing to work as a team
4. Level headed and logical thinking (Common Sense Approach)
5. Experienced in business because they will need to be able to make responsible business decisions and be able to represent the tribe in business dealings

I believe I can make a positive contribution in each of these areas and I hope that you will vote for me on June 18th.

Respectfully,
Teri Reed – Candidate for Secretary

Please share your comments or suggestions with me at: email@terireed.net, Facebook, (405) 417-1849



PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter
(Print Name)
of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 18, 2011. I cannot physically be present
to cast my Vote at the **June 18, 2011 Run Off Election**, therefore, I am requesting an
Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of
May 29, 2011

Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:
Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 150
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext.150

Deliver in Person to :
Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.
For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

Election Commission/Representative

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed during the month of March 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-21 03/03/11

Approves and accepts **Dylan Wayne Sanders, Dominick Allen Hill, Gavin Layn Watson, Emma Leann Rudloff, Easton Allen Jones, Hawana Rain Atwara, Jakobi Christopher Soap, Taziah Jayson Lee Soap, Taj Robert Thorpe, Cyrus James Thorpe, Kyla Marie McGuire, Kelsey Nicole McGuire, Kasi Lynn McGuire, Alejandro Andres Ramirez, Antonio Omar Ramirez, Eian Anthony Herrera, Airez Pete Sanchez, Bailey Marie Sanchez, Taylor Mae Breeding, Morgan Elaine Sloat, Carsyn Ryan Greeley, Cheyenne Rena Downey, Dawn Nicole Harjoe, Sonja Denise Harjoe, Tiger Kaseca Delodge, Josiah Elias Garcia, Bryan Austin Johnson, Amanda Shaye Johnson, Ashley Briann Johnson, Brittni Lynn Alford, Brandon Wayne Alford, Monica Francesca Brown, Cody Wayne Brown, Ty Lucas Hadjiconstantinou and Brent Christopher Hadjiconstantinou** *as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.*

E-AS-11-22 03/03/11

Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Amelia Ann Grass** *provided that she is accepted into the* **Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.**

E-AS-11-23 03/03/11

Rejects the application of **Nylah Brynn Lileah Brown** *for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Article III Section 3 - "Membership", of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Constitution.*

E-AS-11-24 03/17/11

Establishes that the 67th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma be set for **April 16, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Little Axe Resource Center.**

E-AS-11-25 03/17/11

Approves and accepts **Asher Bryce Thompson, Darian Andrew Thompson, Autumn Lynn Parsons-Squire, Jennifer Lauren Sloat, Heather Ann Wilburn, Cameron Isaiah Masquat, Nathaniel Gage Masquat, Doyle Chad Stryker, Laurel Brad Stryker, Rodney Shane Stryker, Gregory Tyler Reading, Victoria Rose Nicholson, Kane Matthew Tiger, Ryland Ryder Durmon, Nelson Vaughn Tilley, Makaiah Lashaun Baker, Rayanna Kay Johnson, Aaron Christopher Switch, Charles Elbert Campbell, Charlotte Lynn Campbell, Reagan Nicole Atwood, Teresa Sue**

Poston, Joshua Daniel Foreman, Megan Nicholle Bradley, Lena Ruby Rhianna DeLodge, Brendan Joseph DeLodge, Earl James Ash, Wade Jeffrey Hatcher, Emily Danielle Bradley, Micah Joel Bradley, Joshua Wayne Wilburn, Krystal Renee Coddington, Aubriana Marie Coddington, Emily Elizabeth Coddington, Hailey Elaine Coddington, Kevin Dwayne Coddington, Jr., Briana Danae Santa Cruz, Tyler Keith Vazquez, Travis Shane Little, Derek Wayne Woody, Roger Wayne Ash, Nicholas Keith Shaffer, Jennifer Renee Brown, Laura

Marie Edgin, Chante'I Emily Krauss, Meadow Elisa Abma and Royce Liam Ryan *as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.*

E-AS-11-26 03/25/11

Approves and accepts **DeShayla Tamia Thompson, Troy Lynn Nicewander, DeKaylie Talara Thompson, Secote Vholoce Mack, Cylas Ledarix Mack, Slayer Dane Little Axe, Taylar Paige Robbins, Blake Anthony Robbins, Baryn Clinton WallisColtin Bryan Wallis, James Aaron Whited, Boston Warrior Bittle, Lillian Kay Bittle, Aubriana Nichole Stephens, Annamarie Gene Stephens, Makai Isaiah Vasquez, Shaye Dawn Brittain, ElysaBeth Lesleigh Foreman, Chebon Dale Yamutewa, Spencer James Healy, Stefany Elayne Foreman, Caden Elijah Lowe, Taylor Makayla Lowe** *as enrolled members of the*

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-27 03/25/11

Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to **Latricia Ann Tiger** provided that she is accepted into the **Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma**.

E-AS-11-28 03/25/11

Authorizes and approves the transfer of **ASEDA's** accounting from the **Tribal Store** to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Finance Department.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-11-02 03/17/11

Approves and authorizes an increase in the Maintenance I.D.C. Budget in the amount of **Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00)** to cover an increase in salaries and fringe benefits to cover the change in status of two part-time employees to full time positions.

L-AS-11-03 03/17/11

Approves and authorizes an increase in the Representative's General Fund in the amount of **\$35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars)** to cover the salary and fringe benefits for the position of Wellness Technician at the Little Axe Resource Center.

4th Annual Native American 5K National Championships & Community 5K Run

EVENTS

**Special recognition of
Jerry & Terri Tuckwin
and Esther Felipe**

Time: 8:00 am

Race will be held on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute located at 9169 Coors Rd NW Albuquerque, New Mexico
The course is a flat, paved, 2 loop course and is considered one of the fastest courses at altitude. This course is designed for very fast times.

Register Early for HUGE discounts.
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5k Runs (competitive)
1K Kids Race (12 & Under)
(competitive)
1 & 2 Mile Fitness Walks
(non-competitive)
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(non-competitive)

All entrants in the toddler
400 meter non-competitive
dash receive awards

Awards in multiple age
divisions

Goodie bags to all toddler and
1K runners

Post race refreshments
included with your entry

Pre and Post race chiropractic
service and body alignments

Proceeds benefit SIPI
Rodeo Club and SWTC

**SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

There will be a traditional Pueblo style throw
after all the events have been contested

Many other activities are being planned for
the participants enjoyment.

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NYPD Camp is celebrating its 10th Year!!!!

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Please Contact Absentee Shawnee Tribe Diabetes Wellness Program at 878-4702 or 364-7298

AST VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Members of the AST Veterans Association met Wednesday, March 9th at Thunderbird Casino. The group held an informal meeting, as a quorum was not present. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Color Guard's upcoming participation in the OKC Princess Honor Dance on Saturday, March 12th, at the Shawnee Expo Center [1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK 74801].
- The CG's participation in 2011 Miss Jr. Miss and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City, Saturday, March 18th, at Destiny Christian Center [3801 S.E. 29th St., Del City, OK].
- The CG's participation in the upcoming Tecumseh High School Native American Club's Pow Wow, Saturday, April 23rd, at a location to be announced.

The association is still accepting applications and dues from those veterans interested in joining the AST American Legion Post. The post will start this summer and those submitting applications, before that start date, will hold the designation of Charter members.

The AST Veterans Association meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at Thunderbird Casino. The next meeting is scheduled, at said location, for Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 7PM. For more information on membership or to schedule the Tribal Color Guard call John Vanderburg @ (405) 481-3822.

NAWS hosting 'Red, White & G.I. Blues' festival May 21

TULSA, Okla. – The Native American Warrior Society is hosting their first ever music festival this May.

The "Red, White & G.I. Blues" festival is a benefit fundraiser for Native American troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Afghanistan.

"To my knowledge there has never been an event on behalf of our Native soldiers in the State of Oklahoma," said Janene Alford, coordinator for the event. "This benefit fundraiser is to help continue to raise money for our troops for their monthly care packages."

NAWS started sending care packages Feb. 7, 2009 and their troops have not missed a package since. Alford says they will continue to receive those packages until they all return home safely.

According to Alford, NAWS has sent care packages to troops of several tribal affiliations: Sac and Fox; Hoc-hunk; Navajo; Keetoowah; Absentee Shawnee; Muscogee Creek; Choctaw; Chippewa and many more.

"Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino is our main contributor for this year's memorable event. The Osage Nation has been very good to us over the last two years and we wish to thank them for the generosity. Without them this would not be possible," Alford said.

Garland Kent Jr. is the promoter for this event and he has done the work on acquiring most of the bands the lineup. Kent also hosts an annual event in Ponca City called the "Blues for Food Music Festival" and has done this every year.

"Mr. Kent is quite a talented person and I know that he will make our event become successful as well as what he has done with his own," she said.

All the bands scheduled to perform are donating their performance for the event.

Randy Webb, president of Juke Zoo, has also agreed to donate his time and staff to do a live webcast of the festival. Thanks to Webb, soldiers from all over the world can watch and listen to the festival in real time online at www.jukezoo.com.

"Randy has been a main person to help the society with our fundraisers. He is always ready to lend a hand when it pertains to our soldiers," Alford said.

The bands scheduled to perform as of press time are: Wanda Watson Band; Morrison 33; Mikel Daggett & the Blood Washed Band; Native Circle; and the Jaspa Kings.

The concert will start at 2:00 p.m. and run until 11:00 p.m. Saturday May 21st, at the Cains Ballroom in Tulsa, Okla. Tickets may be purchased at the door that day. Tickets are \$15.00 for General Admission. No one permitted under the age of 21.

"It's Armed Forces Day. What better day would it be to honor all veterans?" Alford asked.





Spring is here! The AST Fitness staff would like to encourage all tribal members to come out and exercise at the AST Resource Center.

The AST Fitness staff offers strength and conditioning programs available to people of any tribe with a CDIB and to all employees of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Strength and conditioning programs include: Elders chair exercise, one-on-one trainings, circuit training, and Tai Chi. Along with our fitness programs we also provide other fun activities such as: outdoor evening basketball, track walking, volleyball, flag football, active Nintendo Wii table tennis, and more! We invite you to come out and visit our staff! Let us help you break into living an active lifestyle.

Resource Center hours of operation:
Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday – CLOSED.



2011 MARCH MADNESS FITNESS CHALLENGE



Thank you to all employees who participated in the 2011 March Madness Fitness Challenge. We registered 39 Absentee Shawnee employees in this year's event. We would like to congratulate Rhiannon Bruner (Little Axe) and Jessie Williams (Shawnee) for being our top overall winners in this year's annual March Madness Fitness Challenge. Rhiannon and Jessie committed most days of the week to participating in 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity. We would like to also congratulate our remaining 37 employees for their effort and time in participating in the March Madness Fitness Challenge. Carolyn Stacy, Chase Youngblood, Steve Fife, and Jessie Williams were all weekly winners in the "Gotcha" tournament. Thank you "Gotcha" players! The winners of the 5-on-5 were Team 1: Carolyn Stacy, Jared Duroy, Christina Bread, Rosie Tall Bear, and Blake Goodman. Congratulations to the winning employees. We hope you continue to keep physical activity a part your daily lives.



AST Realty Department

Attention Tribal Members and Allotment Heirs,

The Realty Department would like to pass along the following information to the membership, especially land owners and allotment heirs. With the weather turning warmer, the Realty Specialist will be, out in the field, performing Inspections on the Tribe's Allotment properties. Some of you may have already heard or seen him, out and about. Please feel free to come up and talk to him, even introduce yourself. Oftentimes, he may be accompanied by Tribal personnel or other land owners.

For those who may not be aware, the main responsibilities of the Realty Specialist include:

- a) Maintaining accurate records in accordance with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulations;
- b) Inspection of all BIA approved lands held in "Trust" for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe;
- c) Documentation of all lease agreements (Oil and Gas, Farming and Grazing, and Business);
- d) Relaying information collected and to alert

other departments of concerns discovered during inspections (AST Police, Cultural Preservation-THPO, and Environmental);

- e) Answer inquiries and complaints from owners or lessees; and
- f) To always work in the best interest of the Owner and the Tribe.

Also, we would like to address the gates and locks issue. In trying to fulfill his job capacity, the Realty Specialist needs to have access to the lands in order to conduct inspections. Keeping this in mind, the Tribe adopted a policy whereby all locks would be administered and handled by this department; only AST distributed combination locks are to be used. This guarantees that only approved owners and Tribal personnel are allowed access to these properties, especially in times of emergency such as a tornado or fire hazard. In the event a lock does not meet this approval, it will be cut off and replaced at the convenience of the Realty Specialist.

Should you have any questions or would like to request a lock, please call (405) 275-4030, ext 127.

Thank you,

AST Realty Department

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Christian Daniel Byers



We love you very much!
Auntie Sherry & Uncle Marvin

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
To a very special mom
Velma Blanchard
We love you!
Marvin & Sherry

Happy Birthday
Sir Chubbs Foreman
From
Sherry & Marvin

Dakota Blanchard
Happy 19th
Bday Bud!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Boob

DALE DAVIS HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
EAT A LOT OF HOT
DOGS LOVE
THE KASECAS

POPS (DALE DAVIS)
WE LOVE U BUNCHES
LOVE JOCELYN AND
JUSTON AND RYAN

Kara Gouge
May 6th.
Happy Birthday Kara Jo
I love you
mom

Joplin Dupre
Happy 3rd Birthday to our little
nephew!
We love you.
Love, Aunt BJ & Uncle Troy

Jopi
Happy 3rd Birthday babyman!
We love you so much!
Love, Mommy & Daddy



Joplin
Happy 3rd Birthday to our
little brother! We love you!
Jiliyan & Justin



Joplin,
Happy Birthday to my
handsome little grandson.
I love you!
Granny Low



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
TOMMY WATSON
AND
CHUBS FOREMAN
WE WISH YOU A GREAT DAY
LOVE THE KASECAS AND
FOREMANS

HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY
ON MAY 5,2011
JANELLE WATSON
LOVE YOUR COUSINS
KANTYNN AND KANYNN

GRANDPA ROY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON MAY
7,2011
WE LOVE YOU BUNCHES
KANTYNN AND KANYNN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE
BOOGER
HAVE A GOOD DAY FROM
CHELLE AND HOLLY

DAD (ROY KASECA) HAVE A
GREAT BIRTHDAY
WE LOVE YOU
HUGS AND KISSES NIKKI
,KEVIN AND LEILA

Glendine Blanchard
May 10

Happy Birthday and Happy
Mother's day Mom!!
We love you,
Jac and Lance

Happy Birthday Grandma!!
We love you,
Skyla, Lliyah, Mikaylah, Robyn,
Shawn, Joaquin, and Silas

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Ferrell, Alyssa Kay
Fife, Gabriel Douglas
Fife, Teresa Laura Irene
Footracer, Lee Anna Gail
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wayne
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Gibson, Jeffrey Wayne
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Graves, Sharol Annette
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Gray, Dakota Christian
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Harris, Konner Lee Little
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Henry, Eddie Allen
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Hill, Yvette Carmel
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Hood, Thomas Edgar
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Hunt, Dominique Annastasia
Marie
Hutchinson, Velma Rae
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Johnson, Nicholas James
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Kaseca, David Allen
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Kaseca, Roy James
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Kmatz, Mindy Lynnette
Kobs, Jennifer Ann
Kowitz, Michael Raymond
Little Axe, Sabrina
Little Charley, Cheryl Jean
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Nice, Chelsea Nicole
Noyes, Paula Jo
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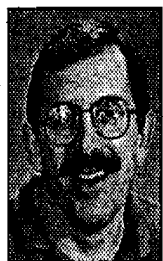
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CONGRATULATIONS

Brokeshoulder excelling at Texas Tech

Former Shawnee High School softball standout Ashley Brokeshoulder is in Stillwater this weekend as a member of the 25th-ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders' softball squad.



Fred Fehr

Entering Saturday afternoon's game against 19th-ranked Oklahoma State, the sophomore Broke-

shoulder had posted a 7-0 record with a 4.09 earned run average in 37 2/3 innings — the fourth-most innings pitched on the squad.

Opponents have batted .257 against Brokeshoulder, who has made 16 appearances, including seven starts.

Brokeshoulder, who has finished three games on the mound, had allowed 38 hits and registered 34 strikeouts entering the weekend series.

Selected as an All-Stater during her 2009 senior season with the Lady Wolves, Brokeshoulder established school career records for wins, earned run average, strikeouts, innings pitched and fewest walks.

Todd Boyer, for 11 years

the SHS fast-pitch coach, said Brokeshoulder was the most dominant pitcher he had coached.

"You knew you had the opportunity to win every time she pitched," Boyer said.

Texas Tech, which lost a 2-1 decision to the Cowgirls Saturday, is 39-8 overall and 4-7 in the Big 12 Conference. The Red Raiders and Oklahoma State will play today at noon at Cowgirl Stadium.

Orrin Heath Ponkilla 2011 Graduate Tecumseh High School



Congratulations Orrin on your Graduation from Tecumseh High School!!!

I am so proud of you and the young man you have become.

I love you!!!

~ Your mom ~



Congratulations to our little brother on graduating from Tecumseh High School!!

We are so proud of you! We love you!

~ Your sisters: Briana, Jac, and Natalie

Your Brother in law: Lance ~

Congratulations "Uncle Monkey"!!
We love you!!

~ Your nieces and nephews: Skyla, Lliyah, Mikaylah, Robyn, Shawn, Joaquin, Jaxson, J.D., Braylon, Silas, Jocelyn, and Jaeger. ~

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



AMY HILDERBRAND
MAY 2011

She demonstrates professionalism, trustiness, friendliness, and dependability.

The questions she deals with continually such as early check requests, early payroll requests, EANs turned in after the fact, and the list goes on and on. Not to mention working Saturdays, Sundays, and/or snow days to ensure payroll happens!

The timely guidance she gives to all personnel insures the maintenance of a high standard of performance.

Her tact, professional knowledge and sound judgment, combined with her ability to work without supervision and her willingness to work beyond normal duty hours contributes significantly to the successful accomplishment of her duties.

Always works positively to resolve discrepancies or problems.

She is a positive example to all in manners of performance relating to work effort, adaptability to work problem solving, working relationships, and communication.

TIGER FAMILY REUNION

The Annual Tiger Family Reunion has been scheduled for May 28, 2011

at the Post Oak Shelter off Peebly Road, (the same place it was held last year), from 10am to 10pm. The Little Axe Shelter is still under construction at this time. All family and friends of the late Jim Tiger and Annie Mann Tiger are welcome.

Please bring your lawn chairs, drinks, a covered dish and any games you may have! Also everyone please bring some of your baby pictures and they will be displayed on the board, Then we will try to guess who is who! Hope to see everyone there!!!

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

By becoming a foster parent, you are providing a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. You are part of the child's support, treatment and care programs. You are partners with the child's social worker, lawyer, judge, teachers and doctors. Being a foster parent is not a passive act of opening your home and providing the basic needs of the child, it is also a proactive statement of nurturing, advocacy, and most importantly LOVE! In 2011, there were 2,168 tribal children placed in foster care in the State of Oklahoma and placed in non-tribal homes due to the low availability of tribal foster homes.

Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?

Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging in your home?

Are you secure in yourself and your parenting skills?

Can you maintain a positive attitude towards the children's parents?

Can you love with all your heart and then let go?

Foster parenting is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart- WE NEED YOU!

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact J.R. Wind at (405)275-4030 ext 195.



ONE CHILD

ONE TRIBE

"A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong"

-Chief Tecumseh-

MAY IS FOSTER CARE MONTH

Ni yah way!!!



The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare department would like to thank those who are serving as foster parents for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Thank you for providing a safe and stable environment for our children. Thank you for opening your home, showing compassion, understanding, and giving AST foster children a sense of belonging.



Summer is coming!!

There will be openings for music classes. Classes will fill up fast, for the free music lessons.



Call: Phil Bradley
405.370.5576

Free Music Lessons

All Native Americans Children from the age of 5 to 19 can be enrolled in FREE music classes Children this summer will be looking for something to do with their time and energy And just being a kid!

So why not get them into music classes this summer and open up a new world to a young mind! All lessons are FREE and We have so many more activities to offer, too. Through the MSPI program for Native American children and their families. Come in or call Phil Bradley at 405-270-4030 EXT:117 or his cell at 405-370-5576 and check the program out and all it has to offer for the summer of 2011.

You and your child can enjoy the gift of music and the many other things that are yours for the summer.

Please call asap. Classes will fill up soon and there are sign up deadlines on some of the other events that will be going on for all to enjoy. Like the river rafting trip and other outdoors treats.

Thanks so much, we had a great year in 2010 and this year promises to only be better. Get on board and come join in and have some fun while learning the wonderful enjoyment of music.

*Phil Bradley
Creative Arts of MSPI/BH
405-275-4030 EXT 117
405-878-4716 Jenifer Sloan*

May, 2011, Hello, this month's theme is:

CRITTERS AND THEIR HOMES

1. Spider
we pa qi
- 1.a Spider web
we pa qe na qi ki
2. Bird
wa se ke lo fi
- 2.a Bird nest
wa se ke lo fi ho fe fi
3. Worm
mi ne to la fi
- 3.a Co-coon
pi pa yi kef e
4. Snake
mi ne to
- 4.a Coil
ta tape fa ne wi
5. Bee
ha mo
- 5.a Bee hive
ha mo qa ho fe fi
6. Wasp
la la pe kit a fe
- 6.a Wasp nest
la la pe ki ta fe ho fe fi
7. Mud dauber
qe wa fi
- 7.a Mud dauber nest
qe wa fi ki ma ke
8. Beaver
hi ma qi
- 8.a Beaver dam
hi ma qi ke pa ne ka ge
9. Wolf
me he wa wi
- 9.a Den
wi si li ko ke
10. Bear
me qi
- 10.a Cave
wi si li ko ke
11. Rabbit
pa ti ke na fe
- 11.a Trap/snare
na qi ki

Months of the year in Shawnee language
As told to George Blanchard by his Elders:

January	hi qe ke se fe wa	severe month
February	se ke pi we ke se fe wa	sap month
March	po se qe ke se fe wa	half-way month to Summer
April	ke te ki we ke se fe wa	planting month
May	me ni ke se fe wa	blackberry month
June	po ki mi we ke se fe wa	plum month
July	li we pa li we ke se fe wa	mid-summer month
August	ke ne we ke se fe wa	long month
September	hi si me ni ke se fe wa	paw-paw month
October	si ta we ke se fe wa	wilted-leaves month
November	pe sa ke fe ke se fe wa	deer month
December	pa po ne ke se fe wa	winter month

Camp Nikoti

Counselors and Volunteers

Needed!

Applications Available Now and are Due by May 20th.



Counselors must be at least 16 years of age to apply.
Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age.

You may pick up an application at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex in the basement of building #3.

Questions? Call 275-4030 ext. 193 and ask for Margaret Ellis.



ASIAN ADVENTURE

Ages 11-14 yrs.

Sign Up Will Begin May 16th!

LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE



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Call 275-4030 ext. 193 and ask for Margaret Ellis.



Camp Melokami was a great success. Within one week of spring break we were able to have a variety of speakers from the tribe come and speak to the youth. We were able to learn and play many games while the participants enjoyed each day. Our final day consisted of a reward day for the participants because of their excellent behavior and participation. The Tribal Youth Program would like to thank Kristi Morrell, Rosie TallBear, Representative Jeff Gibson, Randy Edge, Tresha Spoon, and Shaun Wiegmann for speaking to our participants and giving them certain leadership qualities.

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING A CAR SEAT

The following are the guidelines for receiving a car seat from the ICW department. These car seats have been purchased with federal grant monies and have certain guidelines to follow when receiving the seats.

The person applying for a car seat must be the parent or legal guardian of the child.

Either parent/legal guardian or child must be an enrolled tribal member. Documentation needed

The child must be present at the time the car seat is given.

Income guidelines are as follows:

2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons

*in Family48 Contiguous
States and D.C.Alaska*

Hawaii

1\$10,890\$13,600

\$12,540

2 14,710 18,380

16,930

3 18,530 23,160

21,320

4 22,350 27,940

25,710

5 26,170 32,720

30,100

6 29,990 37,500

34,490

7 33,810 42,280

38,880

8 37,630 47,060

43,270

For each additional

person, add 3,820 4,780

4,390

SOURCE: Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638

OR Proof of public assistance (ie. Medicaid/Sooner Care, Food Stamps, etc.) Documentation needed

Should the child have a car seat upon arriving to the ICW office, the car seat being used must be turned over to ICW in exchange for a new car seat.

A car seat technician shall install the car seat in the correct position for the child's age and weight for that particular car seat.

Each eligible child receives one (1) seat per life time. (Unless legal guardian changes) Documentation needed

These guidelines are followed based on the availability of car seats the ICW department has.

Car Seats, Booster and Seat Belt Safety Fact Sheet

Below is information provided by www.Safekids.org. For more statistics and information you may visit the website or contact the Indian Child Welfare Department. If you are in need of a car seat and meet the guidelines, please feel free to contact the ICW department for availability. Appointments will be made to receive and install the car seat for those who are eligible.

Key Facts

Child safety seats and safety belts, when installed and used properly, can prevent injuries and save lives. Each year, an estimated 975 child occupants under 14 years of age die as a result of a motor vehicle incident.

In 2005, more than 1,400 child occupants died in motor vehicle crashes and nearly half were unrestrained.

From 1993 to 2002, there were 159 reported fatal injuries to children less than 12 years of age associated with airbag deployment. Of the total child fatalities 69.2 percent were unrestrained and 29.6 percent were improperly restrained.

Children are more likely to be properly restrained when the driver is properly restrained.

In a study observing the misuse of 3,442 car seats in six states, approximately 73 percent of car seats showed at least one critical misuse.

84 percent of car seats showed critical misuses. Booster seat misuse was 41 percent.

The most common form of misuses for all car seats included loose vehicle seat belt attachment to the car seat and loose harness straps securing the child to the car seat.

Safety Interventions

Ensure that every occupant is properly restrained for every ride.

Always follow manufacturer's instructions. Infants should ride in rear-facing car seats as long as possible (a minimum of 12 months old and 20 pounds).

Correctly secure children who have outgrown their rear-facing car seats in a forward facing car seat. Always use the car seat tether for optimal protection.

Correctly secure children over 40 pounds in a booster seat or other appropriate car seat until the adult lap and shoulder safety belts fit correctly (approximately 4'9" and 80-100 pounds, usually between 8 and 12 years).

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- **Academic (K-12) Program**: assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- **Zahn Program**: established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program**: funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- **Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program**: funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program**: funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

Attention:

All applications and guidelines are available at www.atribe.com. Click on Services and select Education.

For graduating High School Seniors or any tribal members wishing to take courses for fall 2011: The deadline for submitting an application for the Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program is June 15, 2011.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@atribe.com.



I would like to thank everyone who attended our Balloon Release that kicked off Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April is designated for Sexual Assault Awareness and the awareness color is Teal which was displayed very brightly at our event.

CURRENT JOB POSTINGS AS OF April 5, 2011

GAMING COMMISSION

- Surveillance Director
- Compliance Officer
- Surveillance Operator

COURT/LEGAL/POLICE

- Supreme Court Tribal Judge
- Patrol Officer

BUILDING BLOCKS

- Floater

LITTLE AXE SMOKESHOP

- Deli cook

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- PT Victim Advocate

HEALTH

- Executive Director
- Staff Physician – Shawnee Clinic
- Pharmacy Tech
- Director of Pharmacy Services
- Software Engineer III
- RN Case Manager- CDG
- Admin. Asst/Clerk- CDG

Job descriptions will be available online: <http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html>

If you have any questions about the job positions and their job descriptions you can also contact Briana Ponkilla or Tricia Dietrich in the Human Resource Department at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at: (405) 275-4030.





menu subject to change

2% milk served daily **May 2011**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Chicken Fry Steak² Sandwich Tom, Lett, Onion Chips Plums	3 Salmon Patty Mac n Chez Carrots Cake	4 Beef Stronganoff Zucc n Tom. Tossed Salad* Fruit Cocktail	5 Hamburger Steak Brown Gravy Red Pot Turnip Greens Peach Crisp/Roll	6 Scambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuits Fruit	7	
8	9 Crispy Italian Chicken Wild Rice Brocc. Roll	10 Goulash Squash Cobbler Salad Bar*	11 Egg Roll Fried Rice Stir Fry Veggies Banana w Strawberry Glaze	12 Baked Pot. Ham/Chez Cauli. & Brocc. Cookie	13 Grits Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Fresh Fruit	14	
15	16 Baked Fried Chicken Mashed Pot & gravy Beets Cherry Chez Cake	17 Ham Black eyed Peas Broccoli Roll Apricots	18 Baby Lima Beans w/ ham Cornbread Spinach	19 Mexican Casserole Ranch Beans Spanish Rice Pears	20 Pancakes Sausage Patties Juice	21	
22	23 Cold Cut Sandwich Potato Soup Peaches	24 Cheeseburger Lett, Tom, Pickles Pork n Beans Mandrain Oranges	25 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Greenbeans Pudding	26 Chef Salad w/ ham Cottage Chez Pineapples Crackers	27 Oatmeal Bacon Toast Fresh Fruit	28	
29	30 Memorial Day AST Closed	31 Soft Taco Lett, Tom Salsa/Chips Cinnamon Roll	LUNCH SERVED MON-THUR. 11AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAY'S 9AM TO 11AM Salad Bar served at Congregate Meal sites Only				
NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER							

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Elders Survey 2011

Name _____

Today's Date _____

Address _____

Diabetic: _____yes _____no

High Blood Pressure: _____yes _____no

Cancer Survivor _____yes _____no

High Cholesterol _____yes _____no

What is your favorite food?

Do you have a recipe that you would like to share with Title VI?

What types of activities would you like to see?

COMMENTS: _____

Happy Mother's Day

2011

Title VI News



Mother's Day is on May 8th first Sunday of the Month. Cherish the Memories of your Mom, past the memories on to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Who can find a virtuous Woman? For her price (is) far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10

We will be going to Thunderbird Casino on May 5th!!!

Warmer weather is here, to the Homebound if you have an ice chest you will need to provide some form of frozen container (pop bottle or butter container or something) so your food and milk will not spoil and we have had some Elders that haven't been home and have not provided a ice chest for their food or haven't call

in telling us not to deliver. Please call in or provide an ice chest this will save time on delivery, Thank You!

To those who have called in, we appreciate you so much.

Memorial Day is May 30th, AST Complex will be closed. No lunches will served or delivered this day.

We want to Thank You for filling out the Survey's, this helps us serve you better.

Any questions or concerns you can contact us at 405-275-4030 ext 169.

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest.

Mothers Day Quotes you can use: Unknown



FOR SALE:

*Charming 2010 Skyline Doublewide 27x40
3 BD, 2 Full BA, W/D area, fully equipped electric kitchen*

Vinyl siding-never lived in

Great starter home or if you are into downsizing

Must be moved. \$45,000.

Call 405-214-0145

Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child.? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

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- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez 405-275-4030 ext. 166.

TERO
TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE

RANDY EDGE
TERO DIRECTOR

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
redge@astribe.com

Phone 405.275.4030 ext.135
Cell 405.432.9859

Are you out of work? Do you need a job? Come see AST TERO Randy Edge TERO Director for potential jobs in connection with the new AST casino being built in front of the tribal headquarters. Need folks for housekeeping, maintenance, security, player's club, gaming techs, and servers. Come by TERO and fill out a TERO application, please bring picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB, and resume. We can help you prepare for that next job.

ATTENTION!!!

The AST TERO is planning a job fair in conjunction with the new casino being built in front of the tribal campus on Gordon Cooper Drive. Will announce date, time, and place within the next several weeks. Call the TERO office for any questions concerning job fair, job opportunities and training.



AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

Sunday - 7am to 7pm
Monday - 7am to 3pm
Tuesday - 7am to 3pm
Wednesday - 7am to 8pm
Thursday - 7am to 8pm
Friday - 7am to 9pm
Saturday - 7am to 9pm

Early Bird Breakfast

\$4.99

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns
Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee
(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer. With coupon. No substitutions)



Check out our daily homemade lunch specials!

Something different every day!

Open 7 Days A Week!



366-7220

(In Front of Thunderbird Entertainment Center Next to AST Smoke Shop)



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS
WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU



EVERY WEEK RECEIVE \$10 FREE SLOT PLAY

Just show your Absentee Shawnee Tribal CDIB Card, to take advantage of the offer.

See Player's Club Desk for complete details

Management reserves the right to change or alter any promotion.

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.
- ✓ Please provide the prescription number that is listed above your name on the prescription bottle.

If you'd like to submit an ad or article give us a call at (405) 275-4030 ext. 146 or send us an e-mail at mediadept@astribe.com

ALL ARTICLES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.
Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

*** Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
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SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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2011
TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Little Axe Dental	(405) 307-9704
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH/OEP	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Tribal Grocery & SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in Harrah	(405) 454-0055