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MANY THANKS TO ALL OF  
VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT TO HELP  
WITH THE EASTER EGG HUNT  
FOR OUR TRIBAL KIDS!



**REMEMBER!  
RUN OFF  
ELECTION  
JUNE 21, 2014**

Mother's Day  
2014  
Sunday, May  
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Memorial Day - May 26th  
REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



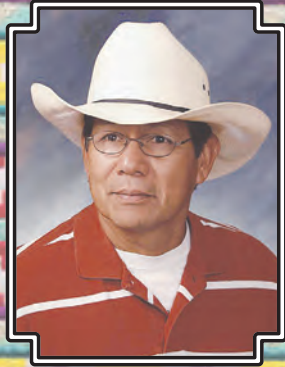
ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Lt. Governor



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**Kathy Deere**  
Treasurer



**Jeffrey Gibson**  
Representative



## Governor's Report

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

Spring has finally come. The long cold winter has left us and for many it is time to plant gardens and prepare for the summer months. I welcome the change and plan to spend some time outside getting some much needed exercise.

### General Council

On April 5th we had our General Council meeting and it was quite challenging. We recorded the meeting and it is being made available via our website. There were several key items that came out that you need to be made aware of. The Tribe has a Code of Conduct in our Administrative Systems Manual and this is specific to our employees. It has been approved by the Executive Committee for that purpose and has been a useful guide for our employees. Our current tribal government is set up so that our Executive Committee has direct oversight or supervision of delegated programs. However, we get paid both as IF we are employees yet we are an elected body. This is why for many years that you, our tribal members, have stated that there should be a Code of Conduct & Ethics as it sets the direction for our elected body. Our Treasurer, Kathy Deere, worked diligently on getting a Code of Ethics established. When I came into Office I assigned my Special Projects Coordinator to continue this effort with our Attorney General and in conjunction with the Executive Committee. Via email ALL of the elected body has been included in this project since September 2013. This is documented and is a fact. The Code of Conduct & Ethics is a Code that we as leaders should be made subject to - not an Administrative Systems Manual. Ethics is about morals and values and we as leaders should lead by example. This Code will give us a guide and provide us a good way to stay on the right path.

The second item that was brought before the General Council was a salary ordinance. The thought behind this ordinance is to ensure that those elected to Office have a basis for their salary. The Tiers (or levels of pay) will be set up to align the salary of the elected body on a combination of education and business experience. If this ordinance is approved it will allow for our elected body to continue to receive fringe benefits but not to supplement their salaries. This is a very progressive idea and one created by a combination of Tribal members and employees in 2012. Those visionaries are Melpherd Switch, Jim Johnson, Shirley Adkins, Belinda Collins and Paul McIntire. This document adheres to our Constitution.

### City Sales Tax

The City of Shawnee continues to try to impose taxation. In a recent city hall meeting they changed their compliance standards on taxation. It is now subject to the Oklahoma Tax Commission and this will allow the state to enter into the sales tax issue on behalf of the City of Shawnee. The City's attorney asked the City Commissioner to allow the Albuquerque legal firm (which they have hired to litigate against the Tribe(s)) be the contact point for the City on tax compliance issues. This two items means that there is a larger pool of resources for the city to be supported by on taxing the Tribe(s). These actions aren't necessary the City could simply concede that Tribes are sovereign nations and seek to partner with them. They could ask and not demand. The City of Shawnee has been publicizing that they are seeking mediation yet why did they make the two changes mentioned earlier if there intent was to work with Tribes? The Tribe(s) must stand united on this issue as sovereign nations. We must not relinquish our sovereignty or allow it to be eroded by local government. I, as a citizen of Shawnee and a non-member of the other Tribes in this area don't want to see you or my employees, friends, family members made subject to a special tax that is imposed upon us by the city when we use another tribes convenience store, grocery store and/or casino. If we choose to give the City funds (like our Housing Authority does) then that is our choice but it is NOT there decision. As previously stated if we, as a Tribe, agree to this type of taxation not only would it impact our ability to serve our people but it would erode our sovereignty as a Tribal nation. Let's stand together

and make a difference!

### Upcoming Elections

Here at the Tribe and across the state of Oklahoma votes will be cast in both partisan (where you state which political party you have registered as a voter to be: Democrat, Republican or Independent) and non-partisan (no political party) elections. I seek to ask each of you to go out and vote and vote for the individual who will bring the most opportunities to us as Native American's. I further ask you to be informed on the issues and if they have done it timely and based on the presiding law and established policies.

As I have previously stated voting is a hard won privilege and one that we as a people can use to our advantage. When we as a people vote at the state and national level it can be an alternate solution to end ongoing legislative and economic concerns that Tribes face by putting the right people in place.

Information on our upcoming tribal election is:

**June 1<sup>st</sup> - Last day to request ballot**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> - Runoff Election**

If you have questions about our Election please contact Meredith Wapakeche at 405-275- 4030, Ext. 150.

City, County and State election dates is as follows:

**May 30, 2014 Last day for Voters to register**

**June 24, 2014 General Election**

**August 26, 2014 Runoff Election**

If you have questions about the City of Shawnee sales tax issue please contact me at 405-275-4030, Ext. 188. Each election that we as a people take part in can and will make a difference.

I would like to share with you those reports by programs, under my oversight, provided:

### Building Blocks

**April 2014 News...** Our Easter egg hunt and Easter parties were a huge success!!



The children, parents and staff had so much fun!! We always welcome parent participation and want to thank all of the parents who contributed items for our parties and to those who attended our Easter events.

We had our biannual cleaning day on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this is to replace broken toys, rearrange the learning centers within each classroom, disinfect all areas of the center, etc. We also have a company come in and clean all

of our carpets.

One thing we strive for at Building Blocks is to always put the safety of children first and foremost. We've had to address issues regarding car seat safety with some parents. We certainly do not believe that parents intentionally disregard their child's safety while transporting them. However, accidents happen with results that can be tragic. Therefore, we felt that we needed to do more. That is why we are in the process of coordinating with Rosie Tallbear in the Injury Prevention Department at the Little Axe Health Center to host a car seat safety day for families that we serve, as well as tribal members. We will announce the details as soon as we finalize everything.

Dates to remember:

- May 9<sup>th</sup>: "Muffins for Mothers" @ 8:00 a.m. We invite the mothers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Mother's Day!!
- May 26<sup>th</sup>: Closed to observe Memorial Day

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# Lt. Governor's Report

I hope this newsletter reaches everyone in good health. It was nice to see the turn out for General Council. I also want to thank everyone for your overwhelming support in the Primary Election.

The number of votes reflected the thankfulness you have for me, my office, my staff, my departments, and for the services we provide to you.

Spring is here and everyone needs to be weather aware. Rain is always welcomed this time of year, but we know our weather can turn bad at any time. Everyone should have a safety plan in the event of severe weather and make sure our elders and children can get to a safe place.

My article will be fairly short this month, due to working in the field, but I want to report on a couple of Roads projects. The joint resurfacing project with Cleveland County District 2 is near completion. Last spring, Cleveland County and our Roads Program began working on a resurfacing project for Tecumseh Road, west from 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the end of the road. Some minor maintenance remains to the side of the roadway.

The parking project for the police substation will resume as soon as AT&T moves the fiber optic line lying direct in the middle of the project site. This lengthy delay is frustrating and has pushed back the project completion date. We did not anticipate the delay for the project to extend too far into May.

Finally, a foundation base has been completed for the parking and cul-de-sac area located in the southeast corner of the Tribal Complex. The new Elders/Veterans Center and future after school center are located in this area and plans for a permanent parking area and roadway are being engineered. We are projecting bids to be solicited within the next few weeks to begin this project.

My next article will include more information on projects and other activities from my office and departments. If you have any questions about my departments, please contact my office.

Thank you. Isaac Gibson, Jr  
Lieutenant Governor



# Treasurer's Report

Dear Tribal Member's,

Thank you for attending the April 5th, 73rd General Council meeting. May is here again! Mother's Day is a good day to show your mothers' how much they are loved and appreciated!

If your mother has passed on remember those precious memories that were shared as you celebrate Mother's Day! My precious mother, Estelline, has been gone for several years, but I remember the good times we spent together and I praise the Lord for having a Godly mother! Pray for lots of rain with no tornados! Oklahoma needs a break!

As always, our prayers and thoughts go out to our AST families, who have lost loved ones this past month! Remember our tribal members who may have health issues, too.

Monthly Program/Departmental Directors meeting. Each month a meeting is held with the department and program directors. We get reports of statistics, upcoming events, meetings, and activities. We appreciate the directors' taking the time to send us a written or verbal report.

AST Audit. The 2013 audit has begun at end of March for the whole Tribes' entities: casinos, ASEDA Enterprises (store, restaurant, & smoke shops), ASEDA, Inc., ASTHA & LSWN Health Programs, and Tribal Government. The audits should be completed by end of May, middle of June, 2014.

Indirect Cost Proposal (IDC). The 2014 IDC has been submitted and assigned to negotiator. We are waiting for the Reviewer's question for finalization of the proposal and this will be the final step. Our rate has steadily increased for the past three years, current rate is 27.39%.

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (RECM), Meet every third Wednesday of the month, 10 am, in Governor's conference room, to decide on executive and legislature resolutions for the advancement and betterment of the tribe. We appreciate tribal members attending the meetings. Governor gives a monthly report of her activities.

Elder's Council Monthly meetings are held every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center, Title VI Bldg, or Thunderbird Casino, 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join us for fellowship, food, and fun times together.

Discussions included the upcoming Thunderbird Casino/Elders' Pow Wow on July 4th, 5th, and 6th, upcoming cultural activity in Tema, Iowa in August. The NEW officers are Dan Little Axe, President, Wynona Coon, Vice President, Mary Birdtail, Secretary, and Emily Longman Treasurer. Next meeting is May 17, 2014 at 10 am at AST Resource Center. If you would like more information about the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, please call Mary Birdtail, 405-386-7851.

• Internal Revenue Service, AST Vita (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). AST Vita service for free tax preparation for tribal members has come and gone. We appreciated all of our volunteers who took the time to assist our tribal members with their taxes this year. Volunteers were: Eddie

Brokeshoulder, Mark Rogers, Belinda Collins, Brenda Claw, Genevieve Foster, Stella Little, Jennifer Crenshaw, Jessica Gonzales, David Deer, Tresha Spoon, Leah Bettelyoun, Arlene Herrera, and myself. MIS Director, Rico Coon, Josh Gibson, Michael Berry, and Nishant Shrestha were instrumentals in getting our phone line, computers, printers, and copier set up to do the Free Tax program and we appreciate their expertise. Our totals were 53 taxes prepared, \$12,660.00 saved by using AST, and total refunds received using AST was \$53,878.00. Many thanks to all these volunteers who prepared the taxes, quality reviewed and were greeters/scanners. We could not have done it without you all!

- Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC): Next meeting for the CRC (TBA) to be announced. The CRC is getting closer to finishing the constitutional revisions, now they are waiting on the Election Commission and their input and they should be able to put it to referendum vote in the very near future. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, 405-275-4030 Ext.148, or contact Briana Ponkilla, her email address: brianaponkills@yahoo.com
- City of Shawnee Taxation Update: As you have seen in the newspapers, on February 2014, City of Shawnee, OK, officials demanded that the four Tribes (Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Band Potawatomi, Kickapoo, and Sac & Fox) in the city begin paying a three percent city sales tax on goods sold to non-tribal members. The City blames the Tribes' economic development for decreasing tax revenue. We are asking all our tribal members that live in Shawnee to register to vote by May 30, 2014, to vote in City of Shawnee election for three positions on the City Commission to be held on Tuesday, June 24th. There are three vacancies in three wards 1, 5 and 6. If you have questions, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, 275-4030, Ext. 148.
- Upcoming referendum elections on implementation for elected officials on Code of Ethics and Salaries Scale. All of these will be on the website, newsletter, and community meetings will be conducted to educate our tribal members on the need for these policies and procedures for elected officials.

## NEWS FLASH

This is the latest from the website concerning the second payment distribution. Looks like another delay indefinitely see below from the website. Cobell Update (<http://www.indiantrust.com>):

"A Letter from Class Counsel, Concerns have recently been expressed that the second payments under the Cobell settlement – the Trust Administration payments – have not yet been distributed. Please be assured that the Court, the Claims Administrator and Class Counsel are taking all measures necessary to make sure those payments are distributed as quickly as possible consistent with the terms of the settlement. In particular, frustration has been expressed with the Claims Administrator, the Garden City Group ("GCG"), suggesting it is responsible for the payments not having been mailed. GCG, just like the parties, is required to follow the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by Congress and the Court, including the timeline set forth in that agreement for mailing of Trust Administration Class payments. At this point, not all requirements imposed by that agreement for mailing of the Trust Administration payments have been satisfied. Unfortunately, implementation of the settlement was delayed for a year while Congress considered it and almost another year and a half while four individuals appealed the District Court's order approving it. These were matters over which we had no control.

However, once the appeals expired in late November 2012, we worked with the District Court and GCG to make sure that distribution of the Historical Accounting payments, commenced within 30 days. In fact, GCG was able to commence distribution in three weeks after receipt of the final data for distribution. Unlike the Historical Accounting Class payments, under the terms of the Settlement Agreement as approved by Congress and the Courts, the Trust Administration payments could not be distributed immediately after the expiration of the appeals. Instead, these payments can be made only after all Trust Administration Class members have been identified. This was due to the fact that, in many cases, the Department of Interior had no record of trust beneficiaries on its electronic systems, requiring they self-identify. Therefore, in order to make sure that everyone who was eligible had an opportunity to participate in the settlement, the Settlement Agreement provided additional procedures for identifying Trust Administration Class Members. These procedures included a Supplementary Notice to Trust Administration Class members that commenced shortly after the appeals expired, along with a claim filing and review process. All claims were to be submitted by March 1, 2013. During the claims process, there were concerns expressed by class members in Oklahoma who were experiencing difficulties obtaining records to support their claims due to the absence of those records on Interior's systems and the devastating tornados that affected much of the state. Therefore, the claims process was extended by the Court to make sure that these individuals had an opportunity to participate. As ordered by the Court, claimants had until September 4, 2013 to request an appeal of a claim denial to the Special Master appointed by the Court. The claims process was successful as over 485,000 claims were filed. All of those claims were reviewed and timely determinations made by GCG. Over 2,400 appeals from those decisions, many several hundred pages in length, are being carefully considered by the Special Master. As provided for in the Settlement Agreement, once all Trust Administration Class members are substantially identified and the Department of Interior has calculated the pro rata share of the settlement to which each Trust Administration Class member is entitled, we will promptly request that the Court approve the Trust Administration payments. We can't predict with certainty when these matters will be

completed enabling us to request payment from the Court. However, we will provide continual updates as new information becomes available to keep you advised of the status of those payments. Meanwhile, we continue to work with the Court and GCG to ensure the settlement is administered in accordance with the highest standards. When the Cobell case settled, we inherited the Department of Interior's records of individual Indian beneficiaries – including the many inaccuracies known to exist within those records.

However, a commitment was made that the Cobell settlement would not suffer from the deficiencies that historically afflicted the Indian trust system – in particular that everyone who was eligible to participate in the settlement would have an opportunity to do so. Individual Indian trust records have markedly improved as a result of the Cobell lawsuit. However, problems remain.

Delays in, or the absence of, probates have resulted in individuals who had passed away remaining on the list of living trust beneficiaries. Multiple records often exist for a single beneficiary. The Department of Interior still does not know the identity of some trust beneficiaries and current contact information was not available for tens of thousands of known beneficiaries. We continue to work through these issues. By way of example, to date, through extensive outreach and working directly with tribal governments and GCG, we have been able to locate over half of the 65,000 individuals on the government's "whereabouts unknown" list published by the Office of the Special Trustee, to insure they receive their settlement funds. Thousands more continue to contact us each month. This has been a serious deficiency that has plagued the individual Indian trust since its inception. We are committed to make sure that it does not continue. If you have contact information for anyone on the government's "whereabouts unknown" list, please contact the Claims Administrator at 866-591-2958. Once again, please be assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure all class members receive their payments as soon as possible. We understand the frustrations experienced over the timing of payments. Many beneficiaries are in great need of these funds and we will continue to do everything we can to make sure the payments go out as soon as possible.

You are welcome to email us at [beneficiaryline@kilpatricktownsend.com](mailto:beneficiaryline@kilpatricktownsend.com) or call us at 866-383-6554 if you have any questions at all. David Smith and Bill Dorris. Respectfully, Kathy Deere, Tribal Treasurer

"A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when nthey stick together!"

~Author Unknown



## Representative's Report

Tribal Members,

Hello, I hope

everyone is in good health and excited about the upcoming summer, a lot has been happening with the programs, starting with

The Cultural Preservation Program. We are in the process of putting together a 5 year plan together for this respected program and hopefully soon a true vision of what I, Representative Jeff Gibson and Program Director Joseph Blanchard, and his staff see for the future of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I attended a "To Bridge a Gap," meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas, April 7- 10th, with Forest Department of Registry, on the agenda we discussed natural resources such as air pollution and water conservation and how we need to get ready for the future cause these valuable resources are being abused and need to be controlled so our children will have these resources to survive and carry on our culture in the future. The meeting was informative as far as, how much resources are needed in the future I don't think we as a Tribe realize how important it is to be ready for the future and hopefully we will be able to teach and keep you informed on this issue. We sometimes take these issues for granted and as the population grows, we need to understand that these issues will be worth more than gold, also on the agenda was how we are losing trees of all kinds, because of heat, fire, and drought in many of our Forestry Departments. I am very thankful Mr. Blanchard is taking his culture as well as this world serious because we all need to be reminded how important life on Mother Earth is important to The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Tribal member, Phil Bradley, Director of the Music Program, on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex has been moving forward at a fast pace with the music program, and I'm excited about how many of our tribal members have been taking advantage of this free music program and it's good to see music playing a valuable part in their lives, as they progress on learning there respectful instrument. We are putting together a music program later on this year, so we can showcase some of our students playing the Piano, Guitar, and Drums, it will be good to see our Tribal people smile after they accomplish this outstanding event, so stay tuned for this great showcase.

It's that time of year again where our Tribal members take part in Summer events from Baseball, Softball, Fishing and other social activities, if you get a chance to catch a game or event encourage our young children and Tribal members. My condolences go out to all that have lost love ones and Happy Birthday to all that have Birthdays in May.

Representative, Jeff Gibson

## Finance Department Report

MAY 2014

(Article Written 4/16/2014)

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing effectively and efficiently 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.

The Tribe's 2010, 2011, and 2012 Audits are "unmodified" opinion; which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A. The 2014 Indirect Cost Proposal has been submitted to the Interior Business Center (IBC) and I was notified on September 17, 2013 that it is ready to be assigned to a negotiator. The proposal has been assigned to a negotiator and I have answered two set of questions posed and we are awaiting the Reviewer's question for finalization of the proposal. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 to 22.35% for 2012 and 27.39% for 2013; 2014 review is the last step.

We are under Audit for 2013 for all of the Tribe's entities [Casinos; Store; Restaurant; Smoke Shop's; ASED, Inc.; ASED, Enterprises; ASTHA & LSWN which makes up Absentee Health Systems; and the Tribal Government.] Auditors arrived on sight April 2, 2014 for the Tribe's audit. All of the tribe's entities must be audited first and then they are combined with the Tribe's Governmental Audit.

The finance department is completing accounting by the 10th day of the month. Financial reporting for the Tribe, Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards and the Executive Committee for Absentee Health Systems, Shawnee and Little Axe (LSWN) continues monthly. The Finance staff has completed the March reconciliations and financials. It is imperative the accounting staff continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly, and Indirect Cost rates stay up to date. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audit is 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) and these rules are updated annually.

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA, IHS, and approximately 51 Grants. In addition, the Tribe operates a General Fund and an Indirect Cost Fund. The new clinic building payments are current and have not been late and projections are that they will continue to be current going forward.

Five of the AST Finance staff volunteered for the VITA Tax program that ended April 12, 2014 and underwent a series of testing required by the IRS in order to prepare taxes for Tribal Members. We were very happy to assist.

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. The Finance Department employs 14: with 6 (43%) being AST Tribal Members, 2 (14%) non-AST tribal members, 6 (43%) being non-natives.

This department 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 continued group effort toward accomplishing our goal.

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

Respectfully,  
Belinda Collins, Controller.

*No report submitted from Secretary Dawson.*

# Financial Consultant's Report

Hello Tribal Members,

The 73rd Semi-General Council has come and gone. The Office of Treasurer would like to thank each of you for participating in our Native Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) Credit Builder Loan Survey.

The following activities I have been involved and participated. Financial Reports: Reviewed and analyzed monthly General Fund and Indirect Cost encumbrance financial reports of Treasurer.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA): Attended monthly ASEDA board meeting to discuss future business partnerships.

### Community Engagement

AST Constitution Revision Committee (CRC): The AST Constitution Revision Committee (CRC) continues to have monthly meetings discussing revising the Constitution. CRC member Briana Ponkilla gave an update to attendees at the recent Semi-General Council meeting in April. As Tribal members, your input is very important and vital to improving our Tribal Government for our next generation. The CRC continues seek tribal member participation and input as we revise our constitution. If you have any questions please contact Briana Ponkilla at 405-878-0633 or Eddie Brokeshoulder 405-275-4030 x 148.



### AST Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI)

AST Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) held its first greet and meet of the board of directors, Monday, April 21st at the Title VI building.

The meeting consisted of introductions, a year to date summary of development efforts of our Native CDFI program. More information will be forth coming in June newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, Steering Committee at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.



### Absentee Shawnee Tribe Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) Program has come and gone. The AST VITA program would like to thank all of the tribal members who participated in this community service program. We were successful in preparing and E-filing fifty-three (53) tax returns in doing so we provided value of services \$12,660.00 and total refund amount of \$53,878.00.

As site coordinator, I would like to thank the following tax preparers, greeters and support staff that enabled 2013 VITA Tax Season to be successful.

They are as follows:

Finance staff: Belinda Collins, Genevieve Foster, Jessica Gonzales,

Jennifer Hernandez, David Deer, Education Director: Tresha Spoon, Little Axe Health Clinic: Health Program Director, Mark Rogers, Finance Brenda Claw and Administrative Assistant to Treasurer Deere, tribal member Stella Little, MIS Rico Coon, and Dos Owings for the use of the Title VI building.

We cannot go without thanking Pam Charles, Oklahoma City Internal Revenue Service (IRS) our Sr. Stakeholder Relationship Manager and Volunteer Don Rauch with 20 + years Federal Internal Revenue Service, who provided us technical assistance and communicated with us on a daily basis.

*My last thank you goes out too Treasurer Kathy Deere for the having the "VISION" to provide tribal members free tax services.*

In our June newsletter look for our final wrap-up of the VITA Tax program. If you have any questions please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, Site Coordinator at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

### Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)

Attended NAFOA's 32nd Annual Indian Country's Leading Economic and Financial Gathering conference, in New Orleans, LA. NAFOA conference was well attended over 700 registered attendees who included Tribal leaders, Financial Staff, Finance and Investment Companies and Attorneys. The conference theme: Growing Tribal Economies & Strengthening Tribal Finance.

NAFOA two-day conference track topics I participated and attended: Bay Mills Case: Dispute Over Tribal Sovereignty, Access to Capital and Diversified Growth for Tribes, Negotiating Sovereignty in a Market Economy, Venturing Further Afield: National and International Business Opportunities.

My second day consisted of the following tracks: Marking Communities for Economic Growth, Ensuring Your Business Effectively Deals with Taxation Issues, Access to Capital, Part 1: Tax Credits, Access to Capital, Part 2: The CDFI Fund and ending the day with Access to Capital, Part 3: USDA, SBA AND BIA.

Overall this conference was very beneficial for me as it concerned tribal sovereignty, taxation, access to capital that are on the horizon for Tribes across Indian Country. I made a lot of contacts which included tribal, financial investors, attorneys and federal officials which were willing to listen and assist in developing of our Tribe. If you have any questions please contact me Eddie Brokeshoulder, 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

In closing, thank you for your participation in the 73rd Semi-General Council meeting. The office of Treasurer looks forward to your questions and concerns. I can be reached at 275- 4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

Respectfully,  
Eddie Brokeshoulder  
Financial Consultant

## FY-2014 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 3/31/14)

RUN DATE:  
04/09/14

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$5,532.03	\$5,205.95	\$6,535.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,273.32	1.98%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	85.87%
Employee (1%)	\$10,095.26	\$602.94	\$22,804.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,503.05	3.84%
Severance (8%)	\$8,940.31	\$7,025.79	\$6,689.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,655.91	2.59%
Motor Vehicle	\$13,670.11	\$11,971.21	\$14,216.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,858.07	4.56%
Tobacco Refund	\$9,303.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,303.52	1.07%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$297,541.23</b>	<b>\$274,805.89</b>	<b>\$300,246.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$872,593.87</b>	<b>\$872,593.87</b>
Miscellaneous	\$600.00	\$130.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$795.00	0.09%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$298,141.23</b>	<b>\$274,935.89</b>	<b>\$300,311.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$873,388.87</b>	<b>100%</b> <b>\$873,388.87</b>

# RESOLUTIONS

## CCDF

The CCDF Subsidy program completed the Recertification process for current applicants. Currently we have 16 children from 11 families who receive child care assistance through the subsidy portion of the CCDF grant. We are actively accepting Tribal Subsidy applications for child care assistance.

The construction of BBIII is ongoing and we are working towards getting the equipment and supplies to make the center operational as soon as is possible. We are set to open the beginning of August.

The CCDF Coordinator will attend Tribal CCDF Health and Safety Best Practices Training in Norman, OK on April 29-May 1.

The job postings for the new BBIII in Little Axe are open to the public. We are still accepting applications for the waiting list for our new BBIII facility in Little Axe. We will update you on any new developments to the new center as they happen. We look forward to all the new developments and strides forward that are being made in our Building Blocks II and III programs.

The point of contact for the Building Blocks program in Shawnee is Billie Thompson at 405-878-0633. The contact for the Little Axe Building Block's program and/or CCDF is Brianna Ponkilla also at 405-878-0633. If they are unable to assist you with your questions contact my office.

## Education

The AST Youth Council met on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Tresha Spoon, Director, and Blake Goodman, TYP Coordinator attended a college and career day at the Iowa Nation on April 4th and one AST Youth Council member also attended. We had a table with information about the Tribe's scholarships.

Tresha attended the Oklahoma Council on Economic Education's quarterly meeting on April 9th at the United Way of Central Oklahoma in OKC.

The Education Department and one AST Youth Council member volunteered during the AST Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th.

The point of contact for this program is Tresha Spoon, Education Director, 405-275-4030, Ext. 121. Please feel free to communicate with her and if she is unable to assist you then contact my office.

## Emergency Management

A. EM Planning – Ms. Day met with Sac & Fox Police Chief Roberts to discuss emergency management disaster response planning and partnership during tribal disasters.

B. Attended monthly Intertribal Emergency Management meeting hosted by the Chickasaw Nation. A major discussion topic was FEMA's first draft of the guidelines for tribal disaster declarations. The draft was presented by our Regions VI representatives. The draft will be under review by the tribes for 120 days and will culminate with submission of comments to FEMA on proposed changes.

C. Attended the April 2014 pipeline safety meeting for emergency responders for Cleveland/McClain Counties presented by the Oklahoma Pipeline Awareness Liaison (OPAL). Updates on locations of pipelines, types and companies who have them in these counties were presented. Demonstrations were held on how to respond to the different types of gases and substances and what measures should be taken until proper hazmat teams are in place to diffuse the spill or leak.

D. The Intertribal Health Board Authority from Oklahoma City has a grant to give a monetary award to tribes that complete these three plans - Pandemic, Communications, and Continuation of Operations Plans (COOP). This has been an ongoing project for the past few months and there have been consultations with the AST Clinic Director on the Pandemic plan and the Tribal Police on the Communications Plan.

Linda Day is the Emergency Manager and is located at the new police substation in Little Axe. Ms. Day is the contact for this program and may be reached at 405-275-3432. If she is unable to resolve your concerns please communicate with my office.

## Health

The attorneys completed their necessary reviews and the Governor signed and released the new Veteran's Administration Agreement and it has been sent back to the VA for implementation. A health fair sponsored by the VA is forthcoming, so please be on the lookout for more information! We are looking at servicing our veterans beginning in late May or early June, pending on the final training and site certification visit required by the VA before we service patients.

We are looking at having a dedicated time each month for Audiology and Hearing Aid services at the LittleAxe Clinic. This service is being developed now, and more information will be released as discussions with a few potential service providers evolve into set dates.

Additionally, information booths will be set up at Horseshoe Bend, Little Axe Resource Center, and the Tribal Complex for the upcoming meetings scheduled from the April General Council ballot discussions to illustrate the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and highlight the upcoming Veteran's health program with the tribe.

A few other key bits of information:

- The new interactive phone menu has been updated and added to the Contract Health Services (CHS) to help patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. We are hoping this new feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care.
- The AST Health System has implemented its new Customer Service Line. Please direct all complaints or compliments to (405) 701-7623. Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed,

## EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

### E-AS-14-16 03/26/14

Authorizes and approves the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, through the Chief of Police of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department, to apply for the SMART office Fiscal Year 2014 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program.

### E-AS-14-17 03/26/14

Authorizes, adopts, and approves the submission of an application to the Administration for Native Americans, Language Preservation and maintenance in connection with such application does resolve and make assurances that all efforts and documents are in compliance with any and all program requirements.

### E-AS-14-18 03/26/14

Authorizes, adopts, and approves the submission of an application to the Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Strategies — SEDS PROGRAM and in connection with such application does resolve and make assurances that all efforts and documents are in compliance with any and all program requirements.

### E-AS-14-19 03/26/14

Authorizing and approving the Direct Care Services Reimbursement Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs and authorizing Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe to sign any and all documents necessary to execute and deliver the contract.

### E-AS-14-20 04/16/14

Approves and accepts Bishop Webster Tiger Maddux, Kenneth Scott Minesinger. Bluesky Rain Whitecloud, Chealste Lynn Hill, Nathan Daniel Boston, Kimberly Nicole Latzke, Hailey Elizabeth Long and Tesla Nichole Perez as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

### E-AS-14-21 04/16/14

Amends Chapter VII, Parts E and F, of the Absentee Shawnee Administrative Manual as provided for in the attachment Exhibit A, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

### L-AS-14-02 04/16/14

Authorizes and approves the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Budget for calendar year 2014 in the amount of Two Million, Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars, And No Cents (\$2,898,586.00) as reflected in the attached budget document, "Exhibit A Revised February 24, 2014", effective immediately.

## THE TIGER/MANN FAMILY REUNION

MAY 24, 2014

## POST OAK PAVILION

ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE LATE JIM  
TIGER AND ANNIE MANN TIGER ARE WELCOME.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED DISH/  
DRINKS/DESSERTS AND GAMES!

AND YOUR OWN CHAIRS!!!

PLEASE BRING ANY OLD PICTURES YOU MAY HAVE  
OF JIM TIGER AND ANNIE MANN TIGER TO SHARE.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALICE MCBRIDE AND  
FAMILY!

STARTS AT 10 AM TILL 10 PM! BE THERE!

with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigation of all issues is complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case. A heartfelt “thank you” to all of our wonderful patients and for the kind comments we’ve been getting! We received much more positive comments than negative comments over last month! We will continue to improve our services and expand our product lines for the tribe and other members we service.

- The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention “HOTLINE” is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorpe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others contact 911.
- The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool is ready to assist you in deciding what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program’s Website: <http://www.asthealth.org/acao> Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family!
- Pharmacy After Hours Process: After hours and weekends/holidays, did you know you can go to Walgreens in either Shawnee or Norman, and have a five-day limited fill on prescriptions? All you have to do is submit your prescription, identify yourself with your AST CDIB Card and other appropriate ID, and then they will fill your prescription! Upon the first workday, you can have the remaining balance of your prescriptions transferred to your pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. This is an emergency convenience for your benefit and to save the contract health dollars as well, so please be aware of this and other benefits our tribe provides you.
- The Jim Thorpe Games will be coming to Shawnee/Tecumseh area soon. Please ensure that if your children and young adults are properly enrolled into the MSPI program if you want your fees covered along with having your CDIB card available to verify eligibility to join a team or compete in the games. Please contact Jennifer Sloan should you have any questions at (405) 701-7988.

The Employee of the Month for January 2014 was Mrs. Dara Thorpe and for February 2014 it was Mrs. Elise Grein. The Team of the Month for Jan 14 was Housekeeping and for Feb. 14 it was the Dental Clinic. We are very proud of our star performers and for their contributions to the patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe!

For March 2014 the Employee of the Month was Mr. Travis O’Dell, IT. The Team of the Month was Contract Health Service’s Office.



We are very proud of all of our team in health! (Note: Pictured from L to R is Mrs. Marla Throckmorton, Clinic Administrator, Mr. Melpherd Switch, ASTHA Chairman, Mr. Travis O’Dell Award Recipient, Mr. Troy LittleAxe, LSWN Chairman, and Mr. Mark Rogers, Executive Director).

If you have questions for the Health area, please contact Mark Rogers, Executive Director of Health, at 405-447-0300 (Little Axe) or 405-878-5850 (Shawnee). If you are unable to get a response on your issue please contact my Office.

**Public Safety/Law Enforcement**

- The Police department has been busy this month doing the following:
- On April 12 law enforcement assisted with the AST Easter Egg Hunt.
  - As of Monday, April 21, 2014 AST PD worked a total of 79 cases.
  - On April 22, 2014 at 11:30 Detective, Jason Brinker will be attending a special luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman to receive a Special Recognition Award honoring the AST PD on the Pottawatomie County Highway Safety Corridor.
  - Monday, April 21, 2014 Officer, Crowley will be escorting John L. Edwards’s body from Chickasha Ferguson Funeral Home to Walkers Funeral Home in Shawnee.

The point of contact for this program is Police Chief, Brad Jackson, and he may be reached at 405-275-3200. If he is unable to resolve your concern communicate with my office.

**Media**

The Media department continues to offer a range of printing services and ensures our newspaper, General Council book and all copying and print needs for our programs are taken care of. If you should have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Sherman Tiger, Media Director, at 405-598-1279. If you continue to have questions and/or concerns contact my Office at 405-275-4030, Ext. 188.

**Intergovernmental Relations & Planning**

No actions taken this period as there is no budget for this program. It is in the planning phase and is being considered for placement in the indirect cost proposal for 2015. This program is for short and long range planning – including intergovernmental relations, legislative and policy analysis and compliance for the tribe.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion – I have 14 months to go and we have many unmet policy, fiscal management and operational needs that I hope we can get addressed in the near future.

It is my goal to resolving the concerns you, my people, have stated need resolved. It is my further goal to make positive changes now and for our future.

**Help me to make that difference – stand beside me and Let’s Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!**

Thank you again for your support.

The Haskell golf team competed in the golf tournament held at Conrad Golf Course in Midwest City on April 7, 2014.



Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe with Haskell golf team member Josh Little Axe.



Governor Butler-Wolfe with the Haskell golf team at Conrad Golf Course in Midwest City.

**GOVERNOR'S  
SPOTLIGHT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE  
MONTH**



**BLAKE  
GOODMAN**

Blake Goodman is the Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Coordinator. Blake became the TYP Coordinator in 2012. He has been with the Tribe since 2003 as a Camp Nikoti, Summer Camp Youth Counselor. He is passionate about working with youth and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Blake currently administers the Afterschool Program and a Youth Diversion Program at the Little Axe Resource Center.

**Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!**

**GOVERNORS SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE**

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe will be working with the six program department that she has oversight over and will monthly select an employee that is deemed to have contributed to their program and to the Absentee Shawnee tribe. The attributes to be considered are: Contributions to the community and the Tribe; leadership; performance and work ethic; teamwork. It is the intent of the Governor to recognize tribal employees who do a remarkable job and might not otherwise get recognized for their contributions. This special employee recognition program will be highlighted under my Office as the SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH program.

*Music Student Spot Light*

**April 2014**

The Absentee Shawnee Family Music Program

*Young Abbe Owings*

*Talent in the rough-*

Abbe is 13 and headed toward being an awesome musician in the future. When Abbe comes to her piano class she is always ready to learn. She shows me something new she worked on at home each week. Abbe is a joy to work with she has a great attitude & the right attitude can take you places in this world that most people only dream about. That's one of the reasons that Abbe Owings is the Music Spot Light student for April 2014, I know one day you'll see Abbe on a local stage or on T.V. playing her heart out for her fans. Thanks Abbe for your talent.



FREE music lessons from  
Monday through Friday  
9:00 until 5:00  
Call 405-370-5576  
Phil Bradley Music In-  
structor

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To the incoming and outgoing royalty:

Kiarah Bates, 2014 Miss Indian OCV

Liyahna Bender, 2014 Miss Indian OKC

Akiane Bates, Outgoing 2013 Little Miss Indian OKC



**BUZZED DRIVING IS...**



**DRUNK DRIVING**

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES SPF-PROGRAM

405.701.7987

We are proud of all your accomplishments and look forward to this exciting year!



# The Absentee Shawnee Family Music Program

The music program is a program that's offers Free music lesson's to all of our tribal member's and none Native Americans also the goal of the program is to offer the lessons to our community in hopes to bring people together & become more aware of their gifts and the strength's in our people.

Classes are offered each week day:

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

in the Music House

North of the AST Police Department

We have folks learning music from the age of 6 to 81 and all of them are enjoying the free lessons and have become musicians and supporters of the program.

I have worked with over 230 Tribal and community members and the music program has received Nation attention from Native American Magazines. The program is growing by leaps and bounds every month.

Come and be a part of your heritage through the gift of music.

Phil Bradley

AST Music Director/Instructor

405-370-5576

pbradley@astribe.com

Let Your Soul Have a Voice.

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## AllNationsBank

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Shawnee,OK74801

www.anbok.com

*Hello from your AllNations Bank Family.*

*Let's take a Fraud Alert quiz this month that could save you money and frustration.*

**IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, YOU COULD BE INVOLVED  
IN FRAUD OR ABOUT TO BE SCAMMED.**

- Did you receive a **CHECK** from an item you sold on the internet, such as a car, boat, jewelry, etc.?
- Is the amount of the **CHECK** more than the items selling price?
- Did you receive the **CHECK** by an overnight delivery service?
- Is the **CHECK** connected to communicating with someone by mail?
- Is the **CHECK** drawn on a business or individual account that is different from the person buying your item or product?
- Have you been informed that you have been the winner of the **LOTTERY**, such as Canadian, Australian, El Gordo, or El Mundo, that you did not enter?
- Have you been asked to **PAY** money to receive a deposit from another country such as Canada, England or Nigeria?
- Are you receiving **PAY** or a **COMMISSION** for facilitating money transfers through your account?
- Did you respond to an email requesting you to **CONFIRM, UPDATE, or PROVIDE** your account information?

If you can answer yes to any of the above questions stop communicating with the individual immediately. If you become a victim of one of the above scams, file a police report immediately and notify your financial institution. You may need to close your account.

Best Regards,

Your AllNations Bank family,

Gene, Eugene, Amber, Diana, and Devan



# M.S.P.I (Meth, Suicide Program Initiative)

## Spring Break Highlight

MSPI's highlight of the spring break was bringing in entertainment artists, The RezHeadz, which is a Hip Hop/Motivational group (a husband & wife duo) from Waco, Texas. Jason "Smoke" Nichols is a direct lineal descendent of "Mato Ska"-- Tom Frosted of the Lower Yanktonai Sioux Tribe, his wife, Melissa "MiMi" Nichols is also of Native American/Hispanic descent. The event was held on Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Thunderbird Casino's Event Center. It was fun and exciting for the youth that participated. The Rezheadz talked of their personal experiences of losing their teenage daughter to bullying & peer pressure which lead them to get educated on issues such as bullying, suicide, drug & alcohol prevention, gang awareness etc. Not only did they speak on these issues but they inspired the youth to harness their full potential without bowing to peer-- pressure and that through perseverance and dedication one can gain freedom from fear and destroy discouragement. They also played a game with the youth which was fun and interesting for them. Towards the end of the event they both

performed their hip hop music, followed by signing autographs. The Rezheadz did an awesome job at motivating and entertaining the youth!



Jason "Smoke" Nichols



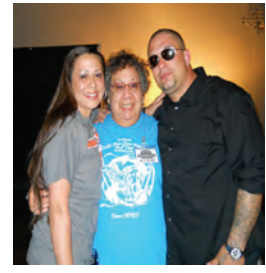
Mimi Nichols & Jason "Smoke" Nichols performing Hip Hop



Jason "Smoke" Nichols



Mimi Nichols & participants getting ready to play a game



Mimi Nichols, Jennifer Sloan, Jason "Smoke" Nichols



**Register Now!!!**  
[www.asthealth.org/patient-portal](http://www.asthealth.org/patient-portal)

**New Patient Portal**  
 Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center  
 Shawnee Clinic



- Improved access to your health information
- Communicate directly with your clinic
- Request an appointment
- ...and more!

Visit your app store and install the Follow My Health app



for real-time access to your health information

For more information on how you can register for the new AST "Follow My Health" Patient Portal, contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702

# Attention All Tribal Elders!

**It is time to start cutting lawns again. If you want your lawn cut again you must fill out an application. You can pick up an application at the Maintenance Department or you can call Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 Ext. 128 and she will mail one to you. In the Little Axe area you can pick up an application at the Resource Center, see Bucky Littlecharley.**

Maintenance Department  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
(405) 275-4030

### Grass Mowing Application

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
2. Must be 65 years or older
3. Handicap/Disabled
4. Must provide proof of residency
5. All trash, branches, debris must be cleaned out of yard

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will **ONLY** mow and weeds eat applicant's lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, etc. **NO RENTAL PROPERTY** will be mowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext. 128

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CDIB #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MESS. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Finding directions to home:

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## Absentee Shawnee Tribal Justice System

### Advisory Board Survey

The Tribal Justice System received a grant to upgrade the justice system by using new computer software; adding security cameras; and setting up an advisory board to develop a Strategic Plan for the court which will improve services offered, as well as community and crime victim concerns. The Advisory Board needs your input into this process.

**YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

#### 1. Reason for your visit to the Absentee Shawnee Courthouse?

Marriage    Divorce    Child Custody    Guardianship    Criminal: \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. What services do you feel the court lacks?

Anger management    Drug/ Alcohol Counseling    ICW services such as counseling

DUI Assessments    Mediation for conflict resolution or custody issues

Alternative sentencing (other than jail time) Family Counseling

Employment Assistance Information Assistance with creating forms (subpoenas/petitions)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Upon leaving the courthouse, do you know what the next step is in completing your court case?

Yes    No

#### 4. What improvements do you feel the courthouse could make to service community members better?

#### 5. Which best describes your age group?

18-25    26-35    36-45    46-55    55 or older

#### 6. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?

Married    Divorced    Widowed    Separated    Domestic partnership

Common Law Marriage    Single, never Married

#### 7. What is your ethnicity?

American Indian or Alaskan Native-Tribe \_\_\_\_\_    Asian or Pacific Islander

Black or African American    Hispanic or Latino    White/Caucasian    Prefer not to answer

#### 8. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

GED    Some High School    Some College    Associate's Degree

Bachelor's Degree    Master's Degree    Current Student

#### 9. Current employment status:

Full Time    Part Time    Unemployed    Retired    Disabled

#### 10. Have you ever had previous legal trouble?

None    Arrested    Detained    Incarcerated

## Top Ten Questions Asked

- 1) Why I am not receiving any mail from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)? **You must maintain a current address with the Office of the Special Trustee (OST) by calling their toll-free number 1-888-678-8636. For instance, if you have recently moved and mail was returned to OST, a hold will be placed on your account until you contact a representative. For further details, please contact OST.**
- 2) It appears my checks are sent to me at random with no business guidelines. **Not true. Whenever an individual receives \$15.00 in his/her account from income generated from farming & grazing lease and \$5.00 from an oil & gas lease OST will issue a check.**
- 3) If I have an address change who should I contact? **Once again, please call OST at 1-888-678-8636; Call the Garden City Group if you are involved in the Cobell settlement at 1-800-961-6109; and finally call the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's enrollment office if you are enrolled at 405.275.4030 extension 107 or 103.**
- 4) Who should I contact about a FEMA trailer? **You should contact Steve Johnson in Secretary's Office for information at 405.275.4030 extension 154.**
- 5) I want to put a trailer on my trust property but I need verification I own the property. Who do I contact? **You may contact the Realty Department to obtain a title status report which is equivalent to a deed. Most cases you can obtain a copy by coming to the office and requesting it in writing in one day.**
- 6) Does my grandmother have a will? **As long as a person is living we must protect their privacy, we cannot divulge that information to anyone. Once the individual is deceased the right to privacy is extinguished.**
- 7) Why does it take so long to get a probate done? **There are several phases to the probate process, the #1 reason is getting a family member to complete and return the Affidavit of Family History. The case cannot be submitted for probate without this document. We can usually obtain copies of all the other documents needed from Enrollment, Burial Assistance office and the BIA but that one must be signed by a family member.**  
  
**The #2 reason is that we have one Judge for all the tribes (excluding the Five Civilized Tribes) in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. He has a very heavy case load and it takes a few months to get on his schedule.**
- 8) Has my brothers or sisters been in to see you and what did they want? **We are sorry but we cannot reveal that information nor can we tell them that you came in and what you wanted.**
- 9) My Great-Grandpa received an Absentee Shawnee Allotment which he sold years ago. I would like to find out who owns it now and buy it back. **Once Indian Land is sold it goes out of trust status, we no longer maintain records on it. You would have to go to the Court House in the county where the land is located. The BIA records on those allotments were shipped to the Federal Records Storage facility many years ago.**
- 10) I want to do a family tree who should I contact? **Contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Enrollment Department at 405.275.4030 extension 107 or 103.**



Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority  
107 North Kimberly  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
(405) 273-1050

### Storm Shelter Program

This program is designed to provide safe shelter and protection from violent storms, tornados, and unforeseen disasters

#### Applicant Requirements:

1. CDIB verification for applicant
2. Social Security cards for all household members
3. If applicant is not currently in the Mutual Help or NAHASDA Lease to Own Program, a clear title and/or deed will be required as proof of homeownership.
4. All required application forms completed.
5. No accounts in default or delinquent status owed to the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority.
6. Home must be applicant's primary residence.
7. Documentation from a physician if you are handicap or disabled.
8. If your application is selected, you will have 10 days to confirm your participation
9. Income verification of all household members.

#### Preference:

1. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders
2. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members who are Handicap & Disabled.
3. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members
4. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Descendants
5. Other Tribes

#### Service Area

1. Pottawatomie County
2. Lincoln County
3. Oklahoma County
4. Cleveland County

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. You are only eligible for a storm shelter for your primary residence.
2. Applicants who are participating in the Mutual Help Program as well as the NAHASDA Lease to Own Program are eligible to apply.
3. If you live in a mobile home, you must own both the mobile home itself and the land it is located on to be eligible for this program.
4. Storm shelters are awarded one time only to each family in order to meet the needs of all Tribal Members.
5. A waiting list will be established based on preference listed above

Received by ASHA STAFF initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME STAMPED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Century 21**

**GOODYEAR GREEN**

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Norman, OK 73069

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**Joni Mohawk**  
Realtor



Each office is independently owned and operated

# ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE HOURS

2014

## January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	
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√ Holidays

○ Election Day

□ Open 8-12/1-5

X Open 1-5

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 of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 15, 2014. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **June 21, 2014 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 **June 1, 2014**

**Mail to:**  
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission  
P.O. Box 741  
Tecomseh, Oklahoma 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 form may be duplicated

### ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

If Disapproved (reason): \_\_\_\_\_

Denial Letter Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_




Election Commission/Representative



# May 2014

2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chicken Fry Steak Sandwich Lett, Tom Baked Chips Jell-O	2 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	3
4	5 Soft Tacos Lett, Tom, Onions Refried Beans Chips/Salsa Pineapples	6 Ham Sweet Pot Veggies Roll	7 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Bread/Mixed Fruit	8 Polish Sausage Cabbage Cornbread Crisp	9 French Toast Bacon Fruit	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY 	12 Chef Salad w ham Crackers Eggs, Chez Yogurt	13 Goulash Okra Roll Cake	14 Cold Cut Sandwich Lett, Tom, Onions Pasta Salad Mandarin Oranges	15 Sliced Turkey Stuffing/w gravy Veggies Mixed Fruit	16 Croissant Ham Scrambled Eggs Orange	17 ARMED FORCES DAY 
18	19 Hot Dog Tater Tots Pork n Beans Fruit	20 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Greenbeans Garlic Bread/Fruit	21 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Fruit	22 Tuna Salad Pita Bread Lett, Tom Mac Salad/Cookie	23 Boiled Egg Toast Sausage Patty	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY AST COMPLEX CLOSED 	27 Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onion Pot. Salad/Chips Plums	28 Stir Fry Veggies Fruit	29 Northern Beans w/ Ham Cornbread Steakfries/Spinach Fruit	30 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	31

NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!  
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169  
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM  
BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

## Vanity Car Tags for Sale

\$15.00 each  
Contact Eileen Pearce  
227-2036



IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD  
OR ARTICLE:  
Give us a call at  
(405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0558  
or send us an e-mail to  
stiger@astribes.com

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE ARE  
DUE BY THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF THE CURRENT MONTH

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ONE PICTURE PER BIRTHDAY PERSON, NOT  
PER BIRTHDAY WISH.

# March Madness

On March 26, 2014, the Caregiver Program and Injury Prevention Program held an Elder's Event at the Absentee Shawnee Resource Center in Little Axe. The event included warm up exercises, basketball dribbling activities, snacks, educational information and door prizes! With all the smiles, I think they had fun!



Elder's dribbling basketballs!



Elder's passing the basketball!

If you would like more information about the Caregivers Program or Injury Prevention Program just give us a call at: Sharon Ponkilla, LPN at 405-701-7630 or Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601.



FATAL VISION GOGGLES  
ALCOHOL PREVENTION

APRIL ALCOHOL AWARENESS  
CHALLENGE WINNERS!  
Mr. Rogers  
Katrina Foley  
Jason Brinker



SPF-PROGRAM



SPRING BREAK FUN!!



# May 2014 Birthdays

AHTONE, CATLIN RAY  
 ALFORD, AMY DIANNE  
 ALFORD, CHRISTIAN SHAWNEE  
 ALFORD, MAGDELENA SPANETA  
 ALLEN, LUCINDA NICOLE  
 ALLEN, PATRICIA ANN  
 ATCHICO, JOHN EDWARD  
 ATWELL, DAVID EUGENE  
 ATWOOD, REAGAN NICOLE  
 BAILEY, BRITTANY CIARA  
 BARTON, TRAE LEE  
 BATEMAN, ALBERTA DENISE  
 BATES, AKIANE KAREE  
 BAUGHMAN, BRENDA JANE  
 BELVIN, JUSTIN RAY  
 BENDER, LEAL DESMA  
 BENTLEY, CURTIS LEE  
 BETTELYOUN, LULA MAE  
 BIGPOND, ROY  
 BLACK, CASSANDRA RENE  
 BLACK, TIMOTHY WAYNE  
 BLACKBURN, GAYLE ANN  
 BLANCHARD, JOEY EDWARD  
 BLANCHARD, CAELYNN BLU  
 BLANCHARD, DAKOTA JOSHUA  
 BLANCHARD, GLENDINE  
 BLANCHARD, JOSEPH HENRY  
 BLANCHARD, MARIANA LILLIAN  
 BRADLEY, JERRY DEAN  
 BRADLEY, TERRY DON  
 BRADY, LYNN MARIE  
 BREEDING, SEAN K. C.  
 BRINSON, ARIANA ISABEL  
 BRISTER, APRIL ANGELA  
 BROCKSMITH, CHOLE ELIZABETH  
 BROWN, CHELSEA NICOLE  
 BRYANT III, CHESTER A.  
 BUCKLEY, GERALD WAYNE BUCKNER,  
 JUNE MARIE SWITCH BULLARD,  
 ADAM DREW  
 BULLOCK, ROYCE JAXXON  
 BUMP, HALEY KALYN  
 BUMP, KARLI JESSICA  
 BUSTAMANTE, ANDREA NADINE  
 BYERS, CHRISTIAN DANIEL  
 BYERS, ERIC NELSON  
 BYERS, MELISSA SUE  
 CAGLE, ALICIA NICOLE  
 CAMPBELL, CHARLES ELBERT  
 CANALES, JOHN EDWARD  
 CAUDILLO, JAMIE LYNN LADEANNA

CHARLEY, ARRON MICHAEL  
 CHARLEY, MELLONEY ANN  
 CITTY, KATHON CLAY  
 CITTY, LINDSEY NICOLE  
 CLINESMITH, BLAKE WESTON  
 CODDINGTON JR, KEVIN DWAYNE  
 COLLETT, BONNIE SUE  
 COLUNGO, STEVEN LEE  
 COMBS, MICHELLE LYNN  
 CONOVER, GLORIA JEAN  
 COOK, ISRAEL AARON  
 COON, JUSTIN KYLER  
 COYLE, SARAH MICHELLE  
 CREAMER, CORA MAE STARR  
 CRENSHAW, JENNIFER LOIS  
 CRIPPS, ANITA LOUISE  
 CUELLAR, ORIETTA FAITH  
 DANKENBRING, BRYCE THOMAS  
 DAVIS, DALE ALLEN  
 DAVIS, DANNICA BUTCH  
 DEERE, SHAWNEE ESTELLINE  
 DENNY, JACQUELINE  
 DOSPAPAS, VERNA MAY  
 ELEPHANT JR, EDWARD ELMER  
 ELLIS, GREGORY SCOTT  
 ELLIS, HEATHER ANN  
 ELLIS, HOLLY DIANA  
 ELLIS, MICHAEL FRANK  
 EVANS, LISA MICHELLE  
 FACTOR, JAREMYAH JAMEZ  
 FEELING, LAVONNA JEAN  
 FELTON, LACEY REI  
 FERRELL, ALYSSA KAY  
 FERRELL, AMBER NICOLE  
 FERRER, JOSHUA LEE  
 FIFE, GABRIEL DOUGLAS  
 FIFE, TERESA LAURA IRENE  
 FOOTRACER, LEE ANNA GAIL STUBB  
 FOREMAN JR, LEONARD DEWAYNE  
 FOREMAN, JACOB COLLIN  
 FOREMAN, JALEN HAWKE  
 FRITSCH, JOLEY MARIE  
 GALLOWAY, ZACHARY ADAM  
 GAUT, CRYSTAL LYNN  
 GIBSON SR, ROY GENE  
 GIBSON, DAVID MICHAEL  
 GIBSON, JEFFREY WAYNE  
 GODWIN, LUCY G.  
 GOUGE, KARA JOE  
 GRANSTROM, CODY JAMES  
 GRAVES PYRCH, KAREN SUE

GRAVES, SHAROL ANNETTE  
 GRAY, BRANDEN TYLER  
 GRAY, DAKOTA CHRISTIAN  
 GREELEY, CARSYN RYAN  
 GRIFFIN, DIANE SUE BERRY  
 HALE, KATHY SUE  
 HALL, EMILY KATHERINE  
 HARRIS, KONNER LEE LITTLE  
 CHARLEY  
 HAUMPY, TAJIAH BILLY  
 HEATH, SPENCER BLAKE  
 HENDRICK, LUKE MICHAEL  
 HENRY, EDDIE ALLEN  
 HILL, YVETTE CARMEL  
 HOOD JR, WARREN WESLYON  
 HOOD, ELENA ANN  
 HOOD, LISA  
 HOOD, THOMAS EDGAR  
 HUMPHREY, CAROL LEE  
 HUNT, DOMINIQUE ANNASTASTIA MARIE  
 HUTCHINSON, VELMA RAE  
 IRVIN, STEVEN BENJAMIN  
 JACKSON III, MARK SWEENEY  
 JOHNSON HARTO, CURTIS RAY  
 JOHNSON JR, RICHARD TAFT  
 JOHNSON, COREE LEE  
 JOHNSON, GABRIELLA KAYANN  
 JOHNSON, JOSHINA LEESHAY  
 JOHNSON, MICHAEL SCOTT ISATAH  
 JOHNSON, NICHOLAS JAMES  
 JOHNSON, PRISCILLA GRACE  
 JOHNSON, TABITHA ROSE  
 JOHNSON, WALTER KIRBY  
 JOHNSON, WHITTNEY BROOKE  
 KASECA, BARRY ALVIN  
 KASECA, KANTYNN JAMES  
 KASECA, ROY JAMES  
 KEITH, MARSHALL COLLINS  
 KIRBY-GIBSON, IAN JACOB  
 KITCHEN, RUBEN VINCENT  
 KMATZ, MINDY LYNNETTE  
 KOBBS, JENNIFER ANN  
 KOWITZ, MICHAEL RAYMOND  
 LEEDOM, COURTNEY DAWN  
 LITTLE AXE, SABRINA  
 LITTLE CHARLEY, CHERYL JEAN  
 LITTLE CHARLEY, TERRY LEE  
 LITTLE CREEK, VERNON DALE  
 LITTLE, JADYN ALISE  
 LITTLE, MADISON DIANE  
 LITTLECREEK, ANDERSON DOREECE

LITTLECREEK, DAKOTA DWIGHT  
 LITTLECREEK, TIFFANY NICOLE  
 LITTLECREEK, TRISTYN DENAE  
 LONGHORN, SEAN RAY  
 LONGHORN, WEDA LOUISE  
 LOPEZ JR, ROLANDO  
 LOVINS, AUDREY ANN  
 LOVINS, EARL DEAN  
 MACGILL, GEORGIA SUE  
 MACK, RYLAN EMORY  
 MANN, SALLY ARLENE  
 MASQUAT JR, GEORGE  
 MASQUAT, CHELCEY NICOLE  
 MATHANY, SUSANNE CHRISTINE  
 MATTHEWS, MARY CAROLINE  
 MCAFFEE, JUSTIN SAMUEL  
 MCGOWAN, PATRICIA LYNN  
 MCMILLAN, SHELLY KRISTIN  
 MEDINA, ALYSSA PAMELA LEE  
 MEGEREE, DOUGLAS DEWAYNE  
 MEGEREE, TONIA LYNN  
 MENDOZA, AMANDA RANEE  
 MEYER, DOREEN  
 MILLER, CASEY RYAN  
 MINER, HEATHER ROCHELLE  
 MINSINGER, SCOTT BROOKER  
 MITCHELL, DESIREE ROSE  
 MONDRAGON, ANGELA KAY  
 MONTGOMERY, MATTHEW SCHLER DAUGHERTY  
 MOORE, ANZIAH FAITH  
 MOORE, EMILY RENEE  
 MORGAN, POLLY A LITTLEBEAR  
 MORTON, JEREMIAH JAMES  
 MUNROE, DOUGLAS  
 NEESE, LISA MARIE  
 NEUGENT, ALENA DEE  
 NEUGENT, ALISA MARIE  
 NEW MOON, JAKE LEE  
 NEW MOON, JENNIFER BROOKE  
 NEWTON, JESSICA ANN  
 NOYES, PAULA JO  
 OLDHAM, GEORGE LYNN  
 ONZAHWAH, DEBORAH KAY  
 OTT-PROCTOR, LYLII LEE ANN  
 PANTHER, JEFFERY WAYNE  
 PARKER, SHAWN IAN  
 PAWPA, DONALD WAYNE  
 PEARL, MELVIN JOE  
 PITNER, KAMRYN NICOLE  
 POWELL, FAWN LAVERENE  
 POWELL, KENDALL LYNN

PYRCH, LAUREN KARLY  
 RAISBECK, DAVID NATHANIEL  
 RAMIREZ JR, FLORENTINO  
 RAMIREZ, ELICIA MARIE-ALKA  
 RAMIREZ, RYLAN AMBROSE  
 REAVIS, RICCI DONNICE  
 ROACH, DAKOTA EUGENE  
 ROBERTSON, RITA JEAN YORK  
 ROBISON, MORGAN TELL  
 ROBISON, THOMAS AARON  
 ROCHON, GERALD WAYNE  
 ROCK, MICHEAL EUGENE  
 ROLETTE, DOMINI ANTOINETTE  
 ROLETTE, GILBERT EARL  
 ROLETTE, JOSHUA DAVID MICHAEL  
 RYAN, ROYCE LIAM  
 SALAZAR, TERRY LEE  
 SALISBURY, LUCAS HOLDEN  
 SALISBURY, MARA ANN  
 SANDERS, PATTY RUTH  
 SCHULENBERG, DONALD DEREK  
 SEVIER, ELLIOTT ROSE  
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 SHULAR, MONTE LEE  
 SMITH, JEREMIAH ROBERT  
 SMITH, RICHARD ALEXANDER  
 SMITH, TERESA RENEE  
 SMITH, TRENN TALEN  
 SMITH, VALERIE ANN  
 SMITH, VANESSA RAE  
 SNAKE, NORMA LOUISE  
 SOAP JR, JOHN LEE  
 SOAP, ROGER EUGENE  
 SPICER, AMBER JO  
 SPOON JR, ROBERT RAY  
 SPOON, JOPLIN DUPRE  
 SPOON, LONDON JOE  
 SPOON, LEXI DELLA-IANN  
 SPRIGGS, WARREN PAUL  
 SPRINGER, DELORES ANN  
 SPYBUCK, EASTON CADE  
 SQUIRE, NATHAN GENE  
 STARR III, HENRY JAMES  
 STARR, ANTHONY CRAIG  
 STEVENS, LAURENCE PAUL  
 STEWART, GRACIE NICOLE  
 STONE JR, JAMES LEE  
 STRAIN, CYNTHIA ANN  
 SULTUSKA, ELLA L  
 SULTUSKA, JERRY WAYNE  
 SULTUSKA, RODNEY STEVEN

SUMMERS, DOROTHY JEAN DIRT  
 SURFACE JR, ROBERT MONROE  
 SZOKE, DEBRA JEAN  
 TALBERT, ELANIA MICHELLE  
 TALBERT, ELLIANA GRACE  
 ELIZABETH  
 TALLCHIEF IV, EVES  
 TALLCHIEF, JOHN G.  
 TAYLOR, DARWIN JACOB  
 TEBE I, MAVRIK WEST  
 THORNHILL, NOAH HUNTER  
 THORPE, BURKE JAMES  
 TIGER, JENNIFER DIANE  
 TIGER, ROLAND  
 UCHIDA JR, STEPHEN ROBERT  
 VALDIVIA, JENIKA NICOLE  
 WAKOLEE, CARMEN JEAN  
 WALKER, JO ANN LOUISE  
 WALLACE, BRENDA GAYLE  
 WARRIOR, JOHNNIE ANDREW  
 WARRIOR, KENNETH JAMES  
 WATKINS, JAMIE LYNN  
 WATSON, BRITTANY L. P. D.  
 WATSON, JANELLE ILISE  
 WATSON, THOMAS AARON  
 WESLEY, ULA MAE WELCH  
 WHITE IV, CHARLES DANIEL  
 WHITE, BROOKLYN DEE  
 WHITE, CAITLYN ROSE  
 WHITE, CLAYTON RANDALL  
 WILKERSON, KATIE EVALYN  
 WILLIAMS, COLTON ALEXANDER  
 WILLIAMS, DAVID CHRISTOPHER  
 WILLIAMS, RUTH HELEN  
 WILSON, CARLA MARIE  
 WILSON, CECIL ALAN  
 WILSON, CHRISTOPHER BLAINE  
 WILSON, DIANA LYNN  
 WILSON, FRANCIS LYNN  
 WILSON, HELEN JUNE  
 WILSON, LANA LOUISE  
 WITT, AMBRA DENISE  
 WOLFE SR, HOUSTON HUGH  
 WOOD, LILLIAN KAY  
 WUCINSKI, GARY RAY  
 YOUNG, LYNDIA RENEE  
 YOUNG, RAIZO ALEXANDER



**Nicholas James Johnson**

(May 2nd)

**HAPPY  
18<sup>TH</sup>**

You are the best son & brother. We love you very much!

**Brittany Watson!!**



Love You Always,  
Kevin and Mom  
Happy Birthday Mommy!  
Love your son, Aiyden

**Michael Scott Isaiah Johnson**

(May 10th)

**HAPPY  
22<sup>ND</sup>  
BIRTHDAY**

You are the best son and brother.  
We love you very much!

**HAPPY 61<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY  
TWILA PARKER!!**

Macaroni Grill



Left to Right  
Son Shawn Parker; David "Rusty" Parker,  
Spouse; Twila Parker; Daughter Queta  
McCuddy; Darrell McCuddy & Grandson  
Steven Ian McCuddy (4 mos. old)



To my mom  
Martha  
Watson  
Love You,  
Trina

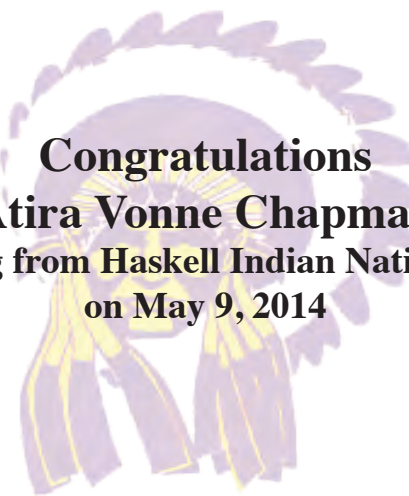


To my sisters  
Alicia Engler and  
Tina Whitten  
From their  
wonderful  
sister,  
Trina

**Congratulations**

**Atira Vonne Chapman**

on Graduating from Haskell Indian Nations University  
on May 9, 2014



THE OUTCOME OF THE  
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
APRIL 5, 2014

# GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING PICTURES APRIL 5, 2014



THE MEETING IN SESSION

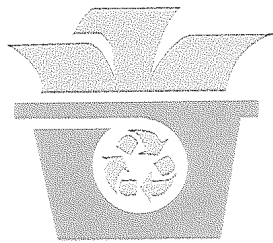


OEH BOOTH

## OEH&E RECYCLING

MRS. LITTLE WAS THE WINNER OF THE RECYCLING LIST WHO SIGN IN AT THE BOOTH. FOR THOSE WHO CAME TO OUR BOOTH RECEIVED A COFFEE MUG.

FORMS: FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY SURVEY FOR THE SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM TO BE INSTALLED. SANITATION FACILITIES ASSISTANCE APPLICATION CAN BE RETURNED AT THE OFFICE.



## WINNER FOR THE RECYCLING PROGRAM



RUBBERMAID: HIDDEN RECYCLER THAT ATTACHES TO THE INSIDE CABINET.

## OEH&E WATER POLLUTION PROGRAM

## WINNERS IN THE WATER PROGRAM

NELLIE TIGER, SENA YESSLITH, AND JASON BRINKER WERE THE WINNERS FOR THE WATER POLLUTION LIST SIGN IN AT THE BOOTH. EACH RECEIVED A PUR WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM.

THOSE WHO SIGN IN RECEIVED A WATER BOTTLE, 12 FL. OZ. WATER, SHOWER TIMER, AND BOOKLETS: WETLAND ECOSYSTEMS, WEBFOOT ACTIVITY BOOK, WATERFOWL ID POCKET GUIDE AND BOX OF FOUR CRAYONS (MADE FROM SOYBEANS).

WANT TO THANK ALL WHO CAME TO SUPPORT OUR BOOTH.



### PUR:

1. FILTERS WATER OVER NATURAL MINERALS
2. REDUCES LEAD AND MERCURY
3. REDUCES CHLORINE (TASTE & ODOR) AND MORE

# Education Department

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

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy for at the Education Department office or for download at [www.atribe.com](http://www.atribe.com).

- **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:

Fall 2014 Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program applications are due June 15th. If you are still interested in taking spring 2014 courses please contact the Education Department.

**All applications and guidelines are available at [www.atribe.com](http://www.atribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.**

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

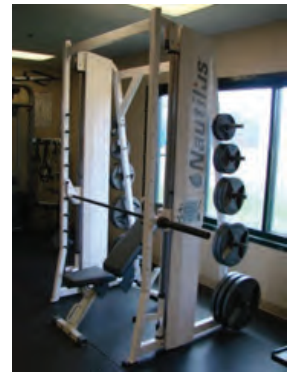


## FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Monday—Thursday  
6:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday  
6:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday  
CLOSED



The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center provides state of the art fitness equipment, including: treadmills, elliptical cross-trainers, recumbent bikes, free-weights, kettlebells, and isolation strength machines. The AST Fitness Center is available to all Native Americans and their household family members. AST employees are also



eligible for membership. The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center strives to deliver a well-trained staff that seeks to help clients reach their personal fitness and health goals. Our staff takes pride in providing appropriate and educational fitness training to all clients, providing guidance in developing a successful plan to help prevent or manage diabetes and/or other health conditions, and providing clients with a fun and positive experience working with our staff. Please take some time to come by and visit the AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center today!



# Fundraiser Bingo Night

May 5, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Brendle Corner

Hwy 9 & Harrah-Newalla Road

\$20.00 Buy-In

*Come Out and Enjoy Playing Bingo!*

Proceeds to the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council

Not responsible for theft or accidents  
No alcohol or drugs allowed on the premises

## Absentee Shawnee Housing



### Introduction

The information being provided is to help families understand what programs are offered through the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and how to apply. Our programs target low income Native American families who need housing assistance. The programs currently being provided are Rental, Lease to Own and Down Payment Assistance.

### Application Process

Our process begins with the completion of our housing application. When completing the application be sure and answer all the questions that pertain to you and sign all attached forms. If you should have any questions regarding the application; call or come by our office and ask our staff in the Programs & Admissions Department and they would be glad to assist you.

The application will also require documents to be attached in order to complete the process; which are:

- ✦ Photo I.D.
- ✦ CDIB Card
- ✦ Social Security Card
- ✦ Birth Certificate
- ✦ Marriage License/Divorce Decree/Custody Decree (if applicable)
- ✦ Declaration of Section 214 (form is included with application)

Each household member must provide a birth certificate, social security card and CDIB card (if enrolled in a federally recognized tribe). The Housing Authority will conduct a criminal background check and credit check on all adult household members over the age of 18. A home visit is the final step in completing your application.

### Waiting List

A letter will be mailed out once your application has been approved notifying you of the date your name was placed on the waiting list. It is very important to stay in contact and notify the Housing Authority anytime changes occur in income, household composition, or contact information.

In the event that your name is next in being offered a home; you will be notified by letter or phone. Annual Updates required to remain on the waiting list.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**107 N. Kimberly  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
P.O. Box 425  
Shawnee, OK 74802-0425  
Phone: 405-273-1050  
Fax: 405-275-0678  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**

Eligibility for each program has income requirements; please be sure and review the current income limits on your application.

We will not be able to process your application if you do not meet the income criteria.



American Indians Alaska Natives Native Hawaiians

## NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY



*Honor Our Ancestors, Protect Our People,  
Take the Test!*

For more information about services or events, please contact:



### Low Rent Housing

Our low rent housing program is provided to families in need of housing in the Shawnee and Tecumseh area. Rental houses are furnished with kitchen appliances, central heat and air, and mini blinds all throughout.

In the Shawnee area, the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority has two elderly/handicap communities. These areas have fully and partial handicap accessible units. A laundry facility is located in the community for tenant use only.

Tenants in our rental program are provided services through our Maintenance Department; if any maintenance issues should arise you would contact the Housing Authority and a crew member will come and do the repair.



### Lease to Own Program

The Lease to Own Program is available for any Native American family who has met our requirements and would like to purchase a home through the Housing Authority. The homes offered are ones currently in inventory and owned by the Housing Authority.

This program is designated for income eligible families who have been renting but now feel they are ready for the opportunity to purchase their own home. The application is the same as the rental; accept the income requirements are different. Be sure and specify when completing your application, that you are applying for the Lease to Own Program. If you have substantial rental history and meet the income requirements, your name may be placed on the waiting list.

- All applicants are required to attend a counseling class conducted by our Resident Counselor before signing a lease.
- Annual Recertification are required for Rental/Lease to Own programs
- Inspections are performed on our homes annually

### Down Payment Assistance Program

This program offers a one-time grant of up to \$20,000 to assist with down payment and/or closing cost to purchase a home and is designed to make home mortgage payments more affordable

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be Native American enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, with priority given to enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to apply
- Applicant must qualify as a low-income family, and must meet minimum income guidelines
- Applicant must be first-time homeowner
- Primary residences only
- Must be approved for home loan
- Dwelling Unit must pass environmental inspection

- MONTHLY RENT IS CALCULATED BY YOUR INCOME
- OUR LOW RENT UNITS HAVE 1, 2, 3, & 4 BEDROOMS
- LEASE TO OWN HOMES HAVE 3 & 4 BEDROOMS

### NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE!



Applications are now being accepted for families that are over the income limits for our IHBG funded programs. Please contact our Programs & Admissions Department for further details.

NOTE: There is limited homes available for this program.

# Injury Prevention Program

The Mayo Clinic and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention say that if you're physically active it may help prevent you from falling. The following activities: Walking, chair exercises and Tai Chi, can improve your leg strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. Remember to check with your doctor before starting any of these activities!

Here are some tips on how to stay safe while getting back into the spring of things.

- Be sure to warm-up and cool down when appropriate.
- Wear protective gear - i.e. bike helmets, wrist & elbow guards, pads, etc.
- Rest, especially when your muscles are tired
- Prevent "overuse" injuries (i.e. stress fractures, tendonitis, or inflamed joints) by not overdoing exercise.
- Condition your body before jumping into new activities at full force.

For more information contact: Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601 Little Axe Health Center



A large banner with a background of trees and a young girl in traditional Native American dress. On the left, a white box contains the text: "NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE 1-800-273-TALK (8255) suicidepreventionlifeline.org". In the center, large white text reads "FOLLOW ME... AWAY FROM METH!". On the right, there is a circular logo for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. At the bottom, a black bar contains the text "LITTLE AXE · SHAWNEE · HEALTH CLINIC" and the "stellar" logo.

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TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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COOPER DR.  
SHAWNEE, OK  
74801

PHONE: (405) 214-  
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FAX: (405) 878-  
4701

## Absentee Shawnee Tribe

### Recycling Program

“To Establish a recycling program for municipal waste planning, reduction, and Recycling”

The Office of Environmental Health and Environmental Program is proud to announce the start of a new recycling program for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The recycling center is located in the yellow metal building adjacent to the OEH Department. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe (AST) Recycling Program Pro-gram declares that waste reduction and recycling are the preferable to the

or processing of municipal waste, and that re-moving certain materials



from the municipal waste stream will decrease the flow of solid waste to municipal landfills. AST Recycling Program used the knowl-

edge and information about recycling markets and market demand as well as information obtained from various publications and the internet to comprise an analysis of material the recycling program will address at the start of the program. AST Recycling Program Plan establishes a goal that, by year's end 2013, at least 25 % of the recyclable material produced by the Tribe will be recycled.

### Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

The AST recycling Program will initially focus on the following waste stream material; High-Grade shredded paper, Assorted office paper,

Phone books, Magazines, Cardboard, Newspaper, and Aluminum cans. As the program and market develops, other recyclables will be sought.

There is a cost associated with recycling, However, economic, social, and environmental benefits exceed these cost.

## Oklahoma HIV/ AIDS Summary Statistics: Cumulative HIV/AIDS Cases in Oklahoma as of December 31, 2012 \*\*

Cases	Oklahoma HIV		Oklahoma AIDS	
	Number	(%)	Number	(%)
Adult/Adolescent	3,187	98.4	5,763	99.3
Pediatric (< 13 years)	38	1.2	41	0.7
Unknown	15	0.5	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Age (in years)</b>				
	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>
0 – 12	38	1.2	41	0.7
13 – 19	140	4.3	119	2.1
20 – 29	1,192	36.8	1,668	28.7
30 – 39	1,055	32.6	2,298	39.6
40 – 49	541	16.7	1,138	19.6
50 – 59	215	6.6	390	6.7
60 and over	44	1.4	150	2.6
Unknown	15	0.5	*	*
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>				
	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>
White	1,912	59.0	3,815	65.7
Black	805	24.8	1,145	19.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	26	0.8	32	0.6
American Indian/Alaska Native	183	5.6	389	6.7
Hispanic (All Races)	229	7.1	324	5.6
Multiple Race	85	2.6	99	1.7
<b>Gender</b>				
	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Female	618	19.1	742	12.8
Male	2,622	80.9	5,062	87.2
<b>Mode of Transmission</b>				
	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)	1,610	49.7	3,251	56.0
Heterosexual Contact	383	11.8	547	9.4
Injection Drug Use (IDU)	358	11.0	669	11.5
MSM & IDU	265	8.2	678	11.7
Perinatal	28	0.9	22	0.4
Blood or Blood Products	20	0.6	116	2.0
Unknown/No Report Risk (NRR)	576	17.8	521	9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Due to confidentiality concerns, these cell sizes have been suppressed.

\*\*The sum of the percentages may not equal 100.0% due to rounding.

### 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:

- Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- Income
- Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- 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](http://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

## DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Military service members can get their disability claims processed quickly by Social Security.

Benefits available through **Social Security** are different than those from the **Department of Veterans Affairs** and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after **October 1, 2001**, regardless of where the disability occurs.



[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**

(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**)

# Sexual Assault Awareness Month



The Domestic Violence Department would like to thank those who participated in this years annual balloon release at the Shawnee and Little Axe locations for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A special thank you goes to Governor, Edwina Butler-Wolfe for the declaration and reading of the proclamation.

Although April is declared as Sexual Assault Awareness Month it is important to keep in mind that this type of violence happens everyday of the year in our community and possibly our families. If you or someone you know is affected by Sexual Assault and needs assistance please contact us at 405-273-2888. Below are the names and numbers of those who can help.

- Cheri—(405)432-8318
- Jackie—(405) 432-9377
- Melissa—(405) 432-9657
- Linda—(405) 585-8348
- Kimberly—(405) 365-9658

*The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence.*



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Building Blocks C.D.C.  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, Ok. 74801  
(405)878-0633 FAX: (405)878-0156



### April 2014 News...

Our Easter egg hunt and Easter parties were a huge success!! The children, parents and staff had so much fun!! We always welcome parent participating and want to thank all of the parents who contributed items for our parties and those who also attended our Easter events.

We had our biannual cleaning day on Saturday, April 26th. The purpose of this is to replace broken toys, rearrange the learning centers within each classroom, disinfect all areas of the center, etc. We also have a company come in and clean all of our carpets.

One thing we strive for at Building Blocks is to always put the safety of children first and foremost. We've had to address issues regarding car seat safety with some parents. We certainly do not believe that parents intentionally disregard their child's safety while transporting them.

However, accidents happen with results that can be tragic. Therefore, we felt that we needed to do more. That is why we are in the process of coordinating with Rosie Tallbear in the Injury Prevention Department at the Little Axe Health Center to host a car seat safety day for the families that we serve, as well as tribal members. We will announce the details as soon as we finalize everything.

Dates to remember:

May 9th: "Muffins for Mothers" @ 8:00 a.m.

We invite the mothers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Mother's Day!!

May 26th: Closed to observe Memorial Day

Thank you,  
Billie Thompson Director

### Dr. John Laddis Edwards

**Beloved Pastor, Father, Brother, Grandfather, Uncle and Friend**



Pastor Dr. John L. Edwards, Absentee Shawnee Tribal member, whose Indian name is Ne ki ne ki pi we (nee kah nee kah bah wee) "standing in front" (Horse clan) was 79 years when he went to be with our Heavenly Father on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. He was born to John "Toots" and Martha (Ellis) Edwards on January 12, 1935 in Concho, Oklahoma. John was the eldest of seven siblings. His surviving sisters are Charlene Whittington of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Gilreath Godwin of Knoxville, Iowa; and Atheda Fletcher of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

During high school and college he excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was a natural athlete and he was also an academic scholar. He attended schools at Seneca Indian Boarding School, Pawnee (Gravy U) Indian Boarding School, Haskell Institute and he went on to receive his Doctorate of Education in 1974 from Arizona State University. He retired from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1986. He became the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma in the early 1990's. From 1995 to present date, he became an ordained minister and pastor of the Fellowship of American Indian Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Dr. Edwards served as an AARP Executive Council Member, Peacemaker with the Chickasaw Nation District Court and volunteered in many other areas.

Dr. Edwards is preceded in death by his father, John and his mother, Martha. Brothers preceding him in death are James Levi (Lee) Edwards, Glen Wayne Edwards, and sister, Cheryl Ann Edwards Kennedy. He is also preceded in death by son, Troy Dean Edwards and grandchild, Freeman Edwards. Great grandchildren preceding him in death are Gavin Colbert and Isabella Row.

Surviving Dr. Edwards include his wife, Tewanna Edwards and granddaughter, Polly Anderson, both of the home, son Johnny Ladd Edwards of Kansas. Daughters: Sherry and Rev. Alan Colbert of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Ramona and Jim Nelson of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Fawn Edwards of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Shawnee Edwards of Corrales, New Mexico; Rainee and Chuck Manzanaras of Pueblo, Colorado; Step-son David Leader and Scott Davis of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Step-daughters, Sonja Anderson and Elisha Gouge of Paducah, Kentucky. Grandchildren are: Gwen Edwards, Anthony Edwards, Robert Colbert, Deborah Colbert, Alan Colbert Jr., Felicia Baker, Natisha Wing, Richard Nelson, Michelle Nelson, Michael Nelson, Ashlee Garcia, Ethan Garcia, Dwayne Stephens, Jonathan Stephens, Tiffany Gouge, Sonja Rocha, and Brittany Egner. Great-grandchildren: Jace Colbert, Jrue King, Isabella Colbert, Teyton Colbert, Lillian Colbert, Ishmael Baker Jr., Cheyenne Baker, Kaylena Lowe, Troy Lowe, Nathan Lowe, Avaree Garcia, Amaya Edwards, Eliciana Edwards, Rashawn Farmer, Maurice Edwards, Ashanti Edwards, Bryson Edwards, Kylee Stephens, Alyssa Kilcrease, Bryanna Gilliam, Araiah Gouge, Jacob Gouge and many nephews and nieces.

The wake was held at Walker Funeral home in Shawnee, Oklahoma on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> with fellowship following at Horseshoe Bend Community building with Cindy Carpenter, Mary Lou Masquat, Kay Wallace, Ramona Sloat McCoy, Reta Harjo and Grayling Johnson. The funeral service and final respects were at the First Baptist Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tribal rites were given by George Blanchard and burial was at Muncrief Cemetery in Ninnekah, Oklahoma.





# Horse Shoe Bend After School Program

MAY 2014

April has been a very busy month for the Horse Shoe Bend after school program. Students have been diligently working and studying on their basic studies. As everyone knows spring is when the Achievement tests start at surrounding schools. Our older students are taking advantage of the two week preparation at North Rock Creek in preparing for tests. The younger age group is receiving additional help by the After School staff and tutors to prepare for their upcoming tests.

As the school year comes to an end we will be scheduling activities for the summer. On April 7, 2014 I attended the April Awards Assembly at North Rock Creek and saw many of our after school student attendees receive awards.

## FIRST GRADE AWARDS

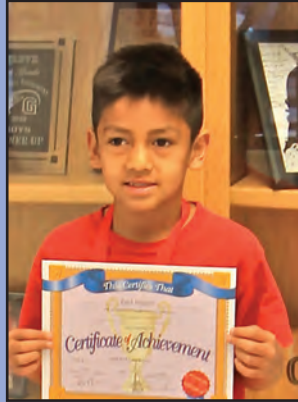
### ALIJAH GIPP



Alijah received the Scholarship Award in his first grade class. He has been coming to the after school program for two years now and he does very well in his school work and he gets along well with other students. Alijah is a team player. He is the son of Kyle and Jamie Gipp.

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### KALEB MASQUAS



Kaleb is a student at North Rock Creek and is in the first grade. He received the Achievement Award. This will be his third year of attendance in the Horse Shoe Bend after School Program. We are very pleased with Kaleb excelling in all of his school work. He is a very bright, young, student and daily makes more progress. Kaleb is the son of Phillip Masquas and the grandson of Mark and Jena Masquas. Kaleb is a tribal member of the Sac and Fox Nation.

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### BRENDAN WINTER



Brendan was awarded the Achievement Award in his first grade class. He has attended the after school program for three years. It is always a pleasure to see Brendan as he always has a smile on his face from the moment he jumps off the bus until the time his parents picks him up. Brendan has always been a very strong and talented student. He is the son of Warren and Tammy Winter and is an Absentee Shawnee Tribe tribal member.

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## THIRD GRADE AWARDS

### ALIJAH MASQUAS



Alijah is in the third grade and was awarded the Scholarship Award at North Rock Creek School. She has been in the after school program for three years. Alijah works hard in all of her school subjects and has strong comprehension skills in reading and math. She is very pleasant to work with as a student and is always willing to help others. She is the daughter of Phillip Masquas and the granddaughter of Mark and Jena Masquas. Alijah is a Sac and Fox Nation tribal member.

### KAITLYN MASQUAS



Kaitlyn attends North Rock Creek School and was selected for the Achievement Award in her third grade class. She has been attending the Horse Shoe Bend after School Program for three years. Kaitlyn has made good progress in her studies and works hard on everything that she does.

She is the daughter of Joe and Sandy Masquas and granddaughter of Mark and Jena Masquas. Kaitlyn is an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member.

## FIFTH GRADE AWARDS

### RUBEN WILSON



Ruben was awarded the Achievement Award in his fifth grade class. He has been attending the Horse Shoe Bend after School program for three years. Ruben is a very good student in all his studies and requires limited instruction on his homework. He works well with other students and likes football. He is the son of Calvin and Annie Wilson and he is a tribal member of the Sac and Fox Nation.

The tutors at the Horse Shoe Bend are VERY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS and how well they have performed in school.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 16, 2014 students colored eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt that occurred on April 17, 2014. All of the students participated in the egg hunt.

We would like to thank the White Turkey Band ladies for their time and for sponsoring this event for the students:

Twila Parker, Gwen Switch, Charlotte Ellis, Janet Jeske, Ramona McCoy, Stella and David Little, June Buckner, Kay Wallace, Elaine Brown.

We appreciate everything that the White Turkey Committee does for our students that take part in our after school program.

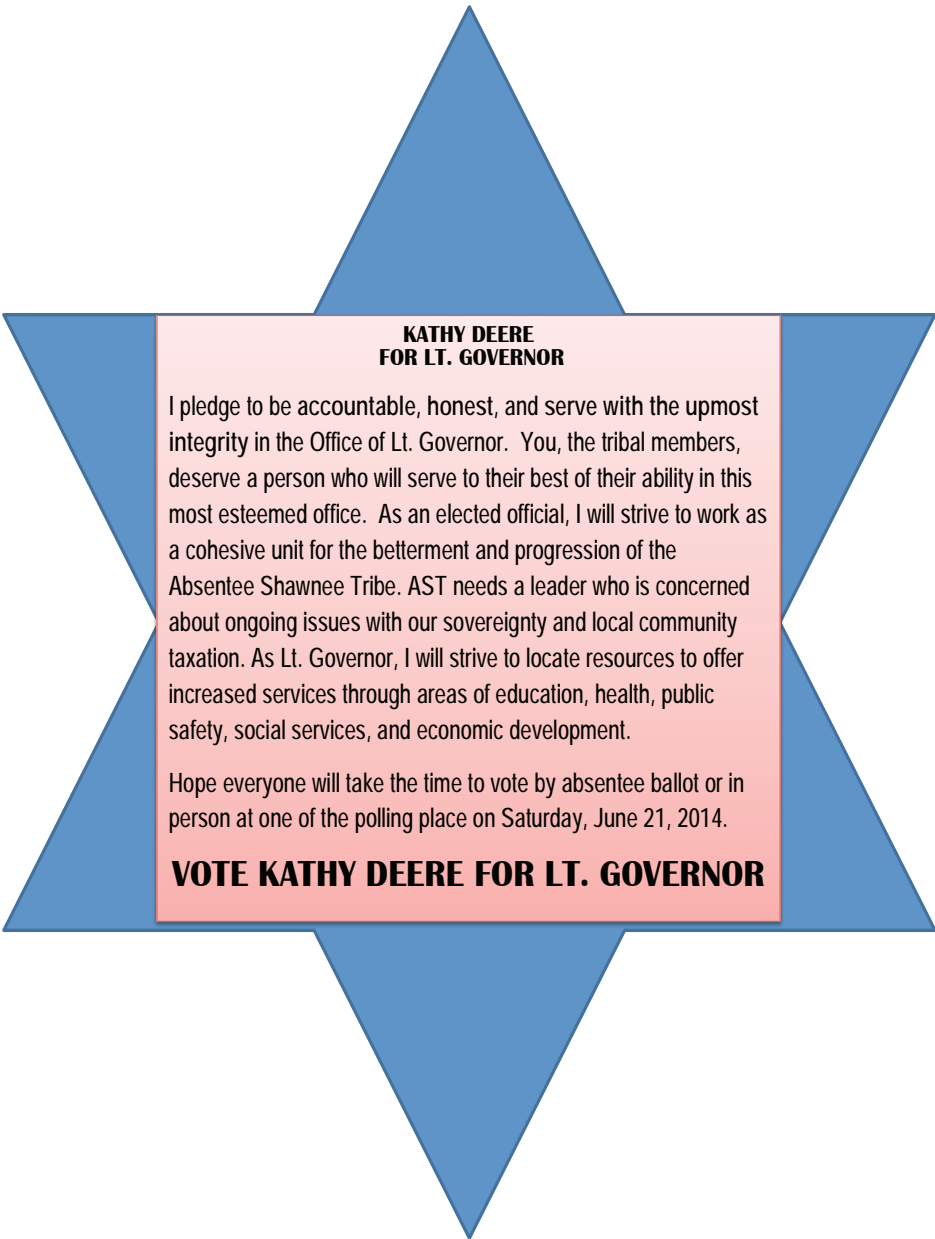
Thursday, May 15, 2014, will be the last day of our after school program

this semester. We will be scheduling some after school activities and flyers will be sent out to students.

If you have any questions about the after school program please call 405 481-0397.

Thank you

Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor



**KATHY DEERE  
FOR LT. GOVERNOR**

I pledge to be accountable, honest, and serve with the upmost integrity in the Office of Lt. Governor. You, the tribal members, deserve a person who will serve to their best of their ability in this most esteemed office. As an elected official, I will strive to work as a cohesive unit for the betterment and progression of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. AST needs a leader who is concerned about ongoing issues with our sovereignty and local community taxation. As Lt. Governor, I will strive to locate resources to offer increased services through areas of education, health, public safety, social services, and economic development.

Hope everyone will take the time to vote by absentee ballot or in person at one of the polling place on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

**VOTE KATHY DEERE FOR LT. GOVERNOR**

Dear Tribal Members,

I am seeking the office of Tribal Representative and I am asking for your vote in the General Election on June 21, 2014. We need a new Tribal Representative who will serve you with a moral mission of protection and empowerment of our tribal family.

By protection I mean security for our tribal families, parents, children and the elderly. We can and should be secure in our homes and property and know that our tribal leaders will protect our security.

By empowerment I mean that we should maintain a nurturing approach to provide all our tribal members and their families the opportunities of education, job security, health care and sanitary and safe housing.

I will represent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe with dignity and honesty. I will give you the full extent of my knowledge and experience. I want to provide for you a safe and opportunistic future.

Respectfully,  
Kenneth Blanchard



**Fellow Tribal Members,**

My name is Leah D. Bates and I am seeking your support as I pursue the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Treasurer seat. My deep-rooted tribal beliefs have further propelled me to not only continue to work for my tribal people, but to help on a more grand scale. The past five years, I have had the privilege to work in multiple positions within the AST Health System Administration. I have been a stable infrastructure through executive support services for the Health Board and Executive Health Director in the largest budget area and resource expenditure in the tribe. I have been a key component in creating a smooth transition for multiple Directors. In each job title, I have meticulously absorbed as much knowledge and experience as possible so that I may be able to accomplish my job duties to an exceptional level. Through my work ethic, I have been instrumental in implementing a time clock system for our health staff, helped create health budgets, and maintain grants with knowledge of grant guidelines. I also have experience as a Human Resource Assistant, auditor, payroll, marketing and social media, new employee training and orientation. Currently as an AST Clinic Program Analyst, I also help guide and fund tribal members who seek to gain education to further their careers in a health related field. Outside of Health Administration, I aim to strengthen our tribal community through establishing a boys and girls club, increasing the retention of our tribal youth within the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI), providing leadership in implementing a large community playground for the Little Axe area, and developing an AST tribal language class for elementary tribal youth.

As a mother of five children, I know the importance of hard work and establishing a financial budget that is both beneficial and practical. I will apply all of my knowledge, skills, ability and experience in a focused, combined effort contributing towards being financially stable and help our tribe provide sustainability for our future generations. I seek to work in a collaborative manner, with various groups of people, to provide an outcome with positive results.

Sincerely,  
Leah D. Bates  
Leading Candidate for AST Treasurer

**VOTE JUNE 21ST**

An Enterprise Of The  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe Of Oklahoma

*July 4th-6th*  
2014

*Anniversary*  
**Thunderbird CASINO**  
*Pow Wow*

15700 E. Highway 9 Norman  
(17 miles East of Norman)

Pow Wow held behind the Casino, in case of rain will move indoors

*Hosted By: Absentee Shawnee Elders Council*

**Head Staff**

M.C.- Sam Howell	A.D.'s -Keith Sadongei
Head Singer- Joseph Blanchard	-Charles Tiger
Head Gourd Dancer- Kelly Switch	Head Man & Lady- Selected Daily
Head Man Judge- Troy Little Axe, Sr.	Head Lady Judge- Jody Little Axe

**Color Guard: Absentee Shawnee Veterans Color Guard**

**Categories**

Golden Age Men Combined 65+ \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200	Golden Age Women Combined 65+ \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200
Adult Men Seniors- 45-64 years Straight, Traditional, Grass, Fancy \$500, \$400, \$300	Adult Women Seniors- 45-64 years Buckskin, Cloth, Jingle, Fancy Shawl \$500, \$400, \$300
Adult Men 18-44 years Straight, Traditional, Grass, Fancy \$400, \$300, \$200	Adult Women 18-44 Buckskin, Cloth, Jingle, Fancy Shawl \$400, \$300, \$200
Youth Boys 7-17 years Straight, Traditional, Grass, Fancy \$300, \$200, \$100	Youth Girls 7-17 years Buckskin, Cloth, Jingle, Fancy Shawl \$300, \$200, \$100
Tiny Tots Boys Combined	Tiny Tots Girls Combined

**Schedule**

<i>Friday- July 4th</i>	<i>Saturday- July 5th</i>	<i>Sunday- July 6th</i>
2:00pm Gourd Dance	2:00pm Gourd Dance	10:00 Sunday Service
5:00pm Supper Break	5:00pm Supper Break	11:00am Brunch
3-6:30pm Contest Registration	7:00pm Grand Entry	12:00pm Grand Entry
7:00pm Grand Entry Contests	Contests	12:30pm Contest Closing

**Stomp Dance-Saturday Night 11:00pm**  
**All Leaders/Shell Shakers - Sign Up**

Thunderbird Casino & Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Will not be responsible for accidents or theft. The Pow wow committee decision is final.  
This is a non-alcoholic event, no concealed weapons allowed on property.

**Vendors Contact: Wanda Tiger 405.706.2357**

**Must Call For Reservations: Deadline June 20, 2014**  
Arts & Craft Vendors: Two Sizes Only  
10x10 is \$100 and 10x 20 is \$150  
\$200 For Food Vendors

# JEFF GIBSON FOR TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jeff Gibson for Tribal Representative,

I would like to thank the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for getting out to vote and making a difference here at the tribe. It has been a privilege to work for you the last 4 years and I would like to express some of the accomplishments since I have been in office since 2010. Our first venture in remodeling the Horseshoe Bend community building was a great success with the start of the after school program that was developed under my leadership, and since been growing. I am thankful it has progressed in the Little Axe area and will be in the Shawnee area soon. That was one of my future accomplishments here for the tribe and I had many talks on this issue.

Gaming was in a situation where we was not progressing and since the new TEC board was replaced with new officers and a new General Manager took control of both casinos in 2011 the growth has been on the rise until 2014. I made a change to get back into Gaming I am ready for any battle that arises. We as the Executive Committee need to let the areas that are professional and that make money for a living to continue and support their profession instead of micromanaging any area of our Tribal Businesses. I am happy to say I was involved in this movement of gaming to excel and continue their efforts in providing more money for better services for our tribal members.

Building Blocks Learning Center has been a great service to the Shawnee area. In 2013, I decided to expand and bring another facility to the Little Axe area and it is in the stages for the parking lot to take place. The facility is going to be another Absentee Shawnee Tribal business that is needed and something we as Tribal Members can be proud of. I worked with Grant Writer Rick Short, the Tribe received an \$800,000.00 ICBG matching grant for the new camp to be built for our Tribal Members that I dearly want back in my possession so I can finish my vision for the Tribe and to be located off HWY 9. This is a good venture and could be utilized year round and could bring in revenue for the tribe. In June of 2013, I was over several programs and the programs was striving and progressing without issues, now I see over two programs which is Cultural Preservation and The Music Program which both are growing rapidly. I am very proud to say The 5 year plan for Cultural Preservation is going to be a proud event for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. These are just a few developments that I'm happy to say I'm glad to be a part of and have many more developments in store for the Tribe.

VOTE JEFF GIBSON,  
TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE



## Job Opportunities

### Building Blocks -Little Axe

- Director-Shawnee Location
- Assistant Director
- Master Teacher
- Teacher
- Assistant Teacher
- Floater
- Food Prep Specialist
- Food Prep Assistant

### Little Axe Health Clinic

- Dentist
- Dental Hygienist
- Medical Director
- Staff Physician
- A/R Specialist

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Kasey Dean - LA Behavioral Health Department 405.701.7993

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# FYI: Contract Health Service News

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health

The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you ... follow the CHS Guidelines!

Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

### Contract Health Services for AST members with Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a (COB) Coordination of Benefits to be sent to provider
3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.

### Contract Health Services for AST members without Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who does not have insurance:

1. You must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible - Medicare, Medicaid, SoonerCare, insurance, etc.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.

### Emergency and Urgent Care Services

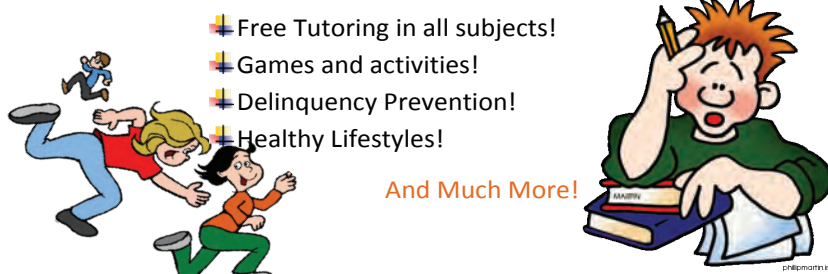
CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for "triage".
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members with insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care" (such evidence may include payment from private insurance).
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Duration: Starts October 7th and will run through the school year.  
 Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm

For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569



# ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL 4-MAN GOLF SCRAMBLE

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 Text Rick LittleAxe at (405) 974-0059 or Call

Absentee Shawnee Complex at (405) 275-4030 Ask For Lt. Gov. Isaac Gibson

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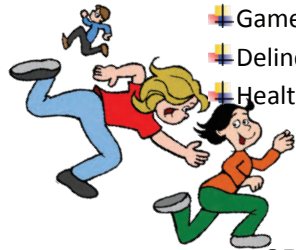
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## AST PHARMACY NEWS



- Upcoming Pharmacy Department closures are as follows:
  - ✓ October 1, 2013 for inventory
  - ✓ November 11, 2013 to observe Veteran's Day
- Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.
- Both Shawnee and Little Axe pharmacy locations fill prescriptions for members of all tribes, but outside prescription orders are restricted to Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizens with established charts.
- If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff and provide us with a current cell phone number.
- When requesting refills, please provide 24 hours' notice until pick-up. We will need your refill number, located above your name on the prescription label, or the names of your medication in order to fill.
- Present **insurance cards each time** you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- Keep us informed of changes in address, phone number, and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

If you have any questions at any time, feel free to call either Pharmacy or stop by and speak with one of our Pharmacy staff. We are happy to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs!

### Hours of Operation:

**Little Axe: 8am-5pm (& 7:30a-5:30p Drive-Thru) Monday - Friday**

- Phone - (405) 292-9530

**Shawnee: 7am-5pm Monday-Friday**

- Phone - (405) 878-5859

***We are open through the lunch hour!!***

**\*\*BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES\*\***

**-Thank you,  
Pharmacy Staff**



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Are you at risk for diabetes, have diabetes or know someone who does? Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes and affects millions of Native Americans. Many people are unaware that they have diabetes or pre-diabetes. Native Americans are twice as likely to develop

Type 2 diabetes than others. Some common signs and symptoms include:

- Frequent infections
- Blurred vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet
- Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

Some ways to prevent and manage diabetes is through healthy lifestyle behaviors. One question that many people with diabetes or pre-diabetes often ask is "What can I eat?". The American Diabetes Association states that you do not have to be deprived or restricted. The key factors are learning what are the "superfoods", how much of it you can have and how often. Getting into the habit of eating a healthy diet helps you manage diabetes and prevent complications caused by diabetes.

The following foods are listed on the American Diabetes Association web site as "superfoods". Try to incorporate as many of these foods into your daily meal plan to enhance the nutrient content of your meals.

The foods listed have a low glycemic index (causes slower rise in blood glucose after eating) and provide key nutrients that are lacking in the typical western diet such as:

- calcium
- potassium
- fiber
- magnesium
- vitamins A, C, and E.

Beans, dark green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, sweet potatoes, berries, tomatoes, fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, whole grains, nuts, fat-free milk and yogurt. To learn more about eating these superfoods and recipes visit [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org) and sign up for Wellness and Healthy Eating classes at the Little Axe Clinic. Call Sidna McKane to sign up at 405 701-7977.

Source: American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

# FOSTER CARE

We were able to set up a foster care awareness booth in building 1 this past month. Three lucky winners won our drawing goodies. We had a great turn out and appreciate each and every one of you that took the time to stop by and get information about fostering a child. We are in need of loving; committed foster parents that are able to provide a home to children in our tribe that are in need of a safe and loving home environment. I am not going to tell you that being a foster parent is always easy, because it is not. It is not always easy being a parent, because no child is ever perfect. I have raised six children myself, and honestly, there were days that I wanted to pull my hair out. Funny thing is that now that they are grown and on their own, I would do anything to go back to those days that consisted of caring for them and loving them and them needing me on that level. The truth is that foster children have experienced a family crisis and they have no idea of what is going on in their life, except the only thing that they have known all their life is turning upside down.

If you feel like you are in a place in your life where you are able to make a difference in a child's life, please contact Julie Wilson/AST/FC at 405-878-4702 (ext. 133).

## GOT LOVE?



## FOSTER A CHILD

Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture.

This interaction helps these children nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be?

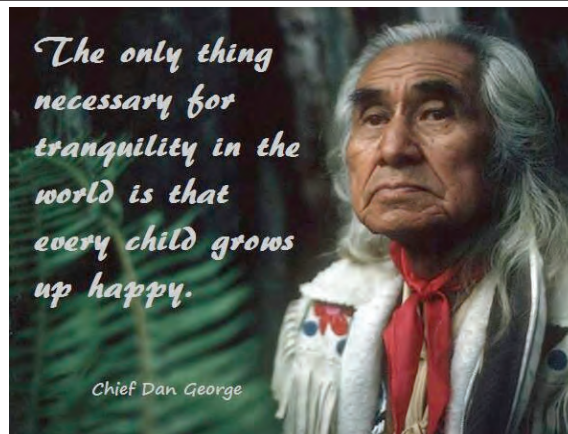
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Racial disproportionality is defined as the over- or under-representation of certain groups (e.g. racial/ethnic, gender, age) relative to the group's proportion in the general population. Reports conducted in 2008 showed that, compared to other groups, Native American children were:

- 3 times more likely to be referred to CPS
- 1.6 times more likely to be removed from their biological homes
- Twice as likely to remain in foster care for over two years
- Less likely to be adopted and more likely to be in guardianships
- Less likely to be reunited with their biological parents

The sad reality is that there are not enough culturally appropriate homes for these children, resulting in the placement of Native American children in homes that do not share their cultural heritage or traditions. We want to place "our tribal" children in our own homes, to do this we need tribal members to open their homes and their hearts. Are you willing to open your heart? Are you willing to open your home? If so, please contact Julie Wilson ICW/FC/CPS 878-4702 (ext. 133).



Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to

these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the breakdown of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. **Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system.** Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture which helps nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be? Will you, as Absentee Shawnee member, do your part if you are able? **If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Juliann Wilson ICW/CPS/FOSTER CARE at 275-4030, ext. 133.**



**Preservation of American Indian culture starts with protection of our most precious resources -- American Indian children and families. Only when our children and families are healthy and happy can there be harmony in our world.**

Problems Facing American Indian Children and Families

**Today, 5.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) live in the United States**

- American Indian children have the third highest rate of victimization
- American Indian/Alaska Natives have the highest rate of poverty of any other racial group in the nation
- In 2006, suicide was the leading cause of death for AI/AN males ages 10-14.
- A 2006 study found that, compared to other groups, AI/AN youth have more serious problems with mental health disorders.
- Alcohol-use disorders were more likely among American Indian youths than other racial groups.
- The AI/AN youth population is more affected by gang involvement than any other racial population.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Children often get lost in a system that is supposed to protect them when their parents can't take care of them. They need someone who can provide a home that is safe. They need their emotional needs met by an adult who can act as if they are their parent. These children need love, shelter, safety, and a place that they can belong, they need a home. They need to know that they are not alone. If you are able to provide these things to one of our tribal children please contact: 405-878-4702 (ext. 133) Julie Wilson ICW/FC.



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# Language Corner

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HO WA MA LO KI ME

2. TIME TO START PLANTING A GARDEN  
HO WA KA HI LA ME MA KE NE GE KA PA

3. PLOW THE GARDEN  
KA PI KE GE KA PE TI WA

4. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PLANT?  
NA HE WA KE SI HI GE KA?

5. SPRING  
MA LO KI ME

6. SUMMER  
PA LI WE

7. FALL  
TI QI KE

8. WINTER  
PA PO KE

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