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## Honoring, Helping & Protecting Indian Elders By Looking Back and Forward

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According to Native American tradition, leaders should always look seven generations behind and seven generations ahead when making decisions. It's a way of making sure that our past is always connected to our future.

What can we learn from the past? As Indian people, we are taught the ways of our people through stories, song and language. We know the value of respecting and honoring our elders and the importance of passing on their wisdom to future generations.

For the past six years, AARP Oklahoma has honored Indian elders in a special program held annually in the fall. The AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors brings together all 39-federally recognized tribes and nations in a spirit of harmony and unity to celebrate the contributions of our elders.

Past honorees have included artists, dancers, language preservationists, ministers, tribal leaders, mothers and fathers. You can nominate an Indian elder to be recognized by AARP at: [www.facebook.com/aarpok](http://www.facebook.com/aarpok) or by calling 1-866-295-7277 to receive a printed nomination form. Nominees must be living and must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe in Oklahoma. Deadline for nomination is June 30th.

But AARP's work with Oklahoma's Native American community is not limited to the past. During my six years as a member of the AARP Oklahoma Executive Council, I have had the chance to work on projects that are planting seeds for the future.

A good example of this seed planting is AARP's partnership with the Osage, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee Creek and Cherokee nations, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center to present the 7th Generations Conference April 14-16th in Midwest City.

Native Americans in Oklahoma suffer greater health disparities than most other people in the state. The 7th Generations Conference will focus on improving health access and disparity in Indian Country and caregiving. AARP will also present a healthy cooking demonstration that will offer education on how to break the cycle of unhealthy nutrition among Indian people. World-renowned Chef Loretta Barrett Oden, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, will present the demonstration.

Finally, I want to encourage my fellow tribal members to consider getting involved with the AARP Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Community Group. We're working on projects and events – including health, cultural preservation and the Indian Elder Honors – that will help fulfill AARP's mission in the Native American community: to



enhance the quality of life for all as we age. For more information on the Inter-Tribal Community Group, the 6th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors or the 7th Generation Conference visit: [www.aarp.org/okindiannavigator](http://www.aarp.org/okindiannavigator)

(Dr. John Edwards is former Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. He has served as a member of AARP Oklahoma's Executive Council for six years, is a minister and a Peacekeeper in the Chickasaw Nation's Peacemaking Court.)

**THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2014.**

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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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## *Governor's Report*

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

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

There is so much to tell you that I'm uncertain where to start. So let me start with the basics.

The month of December was a long one. The cold weather hit and although the Tribe was prepared we couldn't cover every factor. When the schools closed down the Tribal complex and its clinics were minimally staffed and service levels were impacted. School systems must take care of the needs of our children and they closed due to the ice and the danger that it presented. Based on the number of school closures the Executive Committee enacted a Severe Weather Policy that will give the Tribe the ability to decide if it should or should not close. Our former policy has always been that if the schools closed in our tribal service areas then the Tribe would close. That is no longer the way this will work - the Tribe will now communicate directly with radio and television stations advising them of when the tribe will be closed. This policy will ensure that we have the autonomy to run the Tribe in the best interests of the people as is our right by treaty and law.

During the summer months of 2013 we had waste management and pipe leakages in the Governor's building. The stench could at times be unbearable and we had to close the Offices on several occasions. The pipes in the Governor's building are very old and have long been in need of repair and due to the cold weather age took its toll. I am pleased to say that repairs have been completed and the odor is no longer apparent and our work can proceed.

I have been advised that since 1982 a Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy was needed for the Tribe. This month I along with the Treasurer attempted to put into place a Code of Conduct & Ethics policy for Tribal elected officials. My Office along with the Attorney General and with assistance from the Treasurer developed language that would provide a guide and give direction to us as your elected body and to uphold our oaths. Sadly the Lt. Governor, Secretary and Representative would not assist

with this. They gave a range of reasons for not putting this action into place: 1) not enough time to review it - even though they have seen it over the last couple of months 2) language goes against the AST constitution - the AG reviewed the constitution prior to presenting the document 3) language isn't what we want. I am concerned that with this type of mind set that we can't make progress. We must uphold our oaths. We must move the Tribe forward. I am of the opinion that unless we have a change in the leadership in the upcoming election my progress as your leader is stalled. There must be an acting body of elected leaders willing to make tough decisions and move us forward. I call upon you, the tribal people, my elders, my relatives, my friends to put into these offices people who are willing to make good, positive changes for the tribe and not let personalities or personal agendas get in the way. We must have progress, we must move forward and we must have elected leaders willing and able to serve.

Let's move to yet another troubling subject - budgets. I reviewed my budgets and found them a concern. I sat down with each of my program directors and worked out their budgetary needs for the upcoming fiscal year and sent emails to our Finance department that I had approved off on the budgets and not to make changes unless I approved them. In the 2014 budgets my Police Department budget is facing an approximate \$100,000 shortfall in funding meaning reorganization, decreased staffing, less community wide initiatives; my Planning and Intergovernmental Relations office didn't get funded at all nor did my Horse Shoe Bend After School program; the Emergency Management office didn't get additional funding only the same amount as last year -\$29,000 and how can we staff and run this office without funding? At the December 2013 EC meeting I spoke of my concern over these program budgets and although my words were heard - actions to assist and move us forward by passing these budgets were not taken. Actions as you know speak louder than words. These budgets are a concern, the way they are being done is a concern, and the way funds are being utilized is a concern. We, as the Executive Committee, didn't even sit down and go over the budgets and I have no idea what is in each of the other Executive Committee

members budgets - although it certainly seemed they were well informed about my budget. This process needs to change to where we, as the elected body, know all of the program needs, staffing and retention issues and fiscal needs.

### **Emergency Management**

A. Response Planning - Met with Darrell Longhorn on goal of training three CERT teams to respond to disasters. Mr. Longhorn will be taking the Train the Trainer Course in March so that he can teach the CERT classes. We will be requesting assistance from the OK Dept. of Homeland Security for training materials and technical assistance.

Three teams:

- One for Tribal Complex - Employees
- Horseshoe Bend - White Turkey Band and Community Residents
- Little Axe - Two groups of 5 employees at Little Axe Clinic

B. Training Room/EOC Little Axe Tribal Police Substation - Emergency Manager is preparing a training room at the Substation for training classes for CERT teams. This room will also be utilized as a temporary Emergency Operations Center during wildfires, tornado or other disasters since we do not have a facility at this time to set up for emergency operations.

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.

### **Law Enforcement**

Due to the recent passage of the 2014 BIA budget this department will have to make some significant staffing and programmatic changes. The approximate impact is over \$100,000. This is significant to a program that runs a tight budget and monitors its needs closely. As these changes occur I will keep you, my tribal members, advised.

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.

## **Building Blocks & CCDF & CCDF**

### **CCDF:**

The AST CCDF Coordinator assisted the Building Blocks Director in the program rate structure rates for Building Blocks II. These rates are being increased based on increased rates through DHS. In order to get the full benefit of our subsidy repayments from DHS it will be beneficial to increase our rates. Building Blocks II has not had a rate increase since 2009. With the enrollment rate increase, there was a need for a Provider Rate increase as well. The CCDF program felt it was necessary to increase our reimbursement rates to ensure the affordability to our tribal subsidy parents. These increases will provide more sustainability and quality child care for our children. Currently we have 22 children who receive child care assistance through the subsidy portion of the CCDF grant.

### **Building Blocks:**

We are in the process of updating many things at Building Blocks. Our teachers were excited to learn that we will be changing our lesson plan strategy to include themes that are more age-appropriate for each age group. We are adopting a Project approach to our lesson plans. Themes will last up to one month and each week will build upon the previous. Essentially, the children will have at least 4 weeks to learn the concepts rather than having the concepts change each week. One week is simply not enough time to allow retention of the concepts or development of true interest. Using a team teaching approach, they are developing themes based on the developmental stage of their classes and the interests of the children.

We have recently updated the Parent Handbook, as well as the Supplemental Personnel Handbook for Building Blocks Employees. These were outdated and did not effectively address some of the issues we were having on a regular basis.

We had our periodic monitoring visit from DHS recently. We had zero non-compliance issues, which is great news! Our STARS review will be coming up. I am in the process of compiling all of the necessary information and creating a STARS binder to prepare for this visit. As part of our STARS requirements, our Master Teachers needed to be trained in the Early Learning Guidelines. There are 2 categories for this: Infants, Toddlers & Twos AND ages three through five. Ms. Tammy & Ms. Glenda completed the training for the younger ages, while Ms. Dakota, Ms. Liz & Ms. Savannah completed the training for the older ages. The information they learned at this training is essential for the new lesson plan format. Eventually, all other teachers will be required to obtain this training as part of their professional development.

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 Blocks 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 Education Committee met on the evening of December 19, 2013 to discuss student appeals. The Committee is working on program guideline revisions. The Education Department has been busy accepting applications for

the spring 2014 term. Tresha Spoon, Director, attended the Tecumseh Public Schools Impact Aid and Title VII (Indian Education) Public hearing on January 14, 2014.

Tecumseh Public Schools is one of the schools serviced by the AST Johnson O'Malley program. The Education Department has begun accepting applications for the Big Jim Youth Award Program. Please check for updates in the Tribal newsletter and on the Tribe's website under Education services.

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.

### **Health**

The Health Boards remain a concern to me. We have the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Authority Board that is now operating under the revised bylaws passed in November and we have 4 new Board members on it, Melpherd Switch, a long standing AST member, is the current Board Director.

However, the old bylaws for the Li-Si-Wi-Nwi, Inc. remain in place as does our former legal firm. It is my hope that we can get new bylaws in place for the Li-Si-Wi-Nwi, Inc. in January and get those applicants interested in serving on this Board approved and remove that former law firm and put the Tribe's law firm in place.

If you have questions for the Health area, please contact Mark Rogers, Health Director, 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.

### **Media**

The Media department is an outcome based department. It puts time, effort and energy into their work products and it shows.

This month the Media department added a second full time staff person, Derek Hildebrand, as Sherman Tiger, Media Director's, assistant.

The Media department recently created a language coloring book for the children. To go along with the coloring book, Mr. Phil Bradley from the Music department, and Mary Ann Gibson, has helped to produce a CD. This has been given to the Tribe's Management Information Systems and may soon be put online. This kind of interdepartmental help can ensure great things are done for our people!

A new Tribal calendar has been produced by the Media department for Tribal members. There is a limited number available (500). Copies of these have been placed at both clinics, All-Nations Bank, the Main building at here at the Tribal complex and the Resource Center in Little Axe.

Mr. Tiger has made a constructive change in how the newsletter gets the mailing addresses placed on them. He outsourced this service with a company that will print the addresses on to our Tribal newsletter instead of onto a label, which at times in the past has fallen off. This should eliminate the majority of the problems our Tribal members may have in not receiving the newsletter and/or the newsletter getting lost.

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.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion – It is my hope that you keep in mind what has and hasn't been done by those in Office and look to the future. I believe there are great things ahead of us as a Tribe and I need those who believe that to be placed into these elected positions. I want to make a difference for not only my son, my grandchild but for all of our people and I can only do that with your help.

**Help me to make a difference – stand with me and Let's Build For the Future (BFF) united and together!**

Thank you again for your support.

## *A. Governor's Report*

I hope this article finds everyone in good health and staying warm during this up and down winter. In addition to the drastic changes in the weather, we are also concerned about the lack of rain or snowfall over the recent weeks. A good number of tribal family homes are in rural areas throughout our tribal boundaries and grass fires can quickly destroy homes and property. I encourage each and every one to take precautions to protect their homes and property during this stretch of dry weather.

In my last article, I reported my office was in the process of moving a trailer to the Shawnee Complex for the new meeting place for the Elders and Veterans. I am pleased to announce, the trailer has been put in place and the utilities are in the process of being connected. We are also leveling out the area around the trailer for parking and to finish the road with a cul-de-sac. Our Shawnee Campus Complex is growing as we try to provide more services to our tribal members.

The preliminary work has begun on the ASTPD sub-station and Community House parking area. I would like to remind everyone the Little Axe Community House will be closed during this project, except for its use during tribal funerals. Work on this project is expected to take no longer than 180 days pending weather conditions, but we do not believe construction will last the entire time.

Since last year's tornado in the Little Axe area, my office has worked with the Oklahoma State Tourism Department personnel at Lake Thunderbird on several clean-up projects. Initially the Tribe was contracted for one clean-up project, but we have been fortunate to be hired for additional clean-up projects around the lake. These projects help keep the area clean and the revenue supplements our Maintenance General Fund budget. This also reduces the amount of funding Maintenance requests for other service projects.

Planting season is coming soon and it is a good time to think about our gardens. In the past, we have turned over garden spots for those who plant gardens. We will do the same this year, so if you are interested in having your garden turned over; contact my assistant Mary Billy at (405) 275-4030 ext. 146.

If you want to discuss any concerns or issues, please feel free to call my office. Thank you!

# Treasurer's Report

Greetings Tribal Members,

Election time again! This time it is for Lt. Governor, Treasurer, and Representative. This is your time as tribal members to exercise your right to support and elect the best candidate for these positions.

As always, our prayers and thoughts go out to our AST families, who have lost loved ones this past month!

• **ASTHA and LSWN Health Board Meeting.** The two health boards concurrently meet every third Tuesday of the month. They have newly appointed ASTHA board members: Melpherd Switch, Sandra Vaughn, Lancer Stevens, Lisa Johnson-Billy, and Dr. Surya Pierce. Mr. Mark Rogers, Health Programs Director, gave his monthly report through a PowerPoint presentation discussing his Top three issues, 2014 budget, strategic plan/community needs assessment and several process improvement teams activations.

Reports on financials, business office-third party collections, credentialing and privileges, contracts, and other reports. Also, a strategic meeting was held at Thunderbird Casino for the ASTHA & LSWN Health Board Members, Executive Committee, Health Programs Director, Shawnee Clinic Administrator, and two tribal members from the community for next three years projection of the tribal health programs. Did SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Other, & Threats) with the group and talked about goals for the next three years. Mr. Mark Rogers, Health Programs Director, will discuss the outcome of this meeting in the future.

• **Financials for Health Monthly Mtgs.** Monthly tribal finance, business officer manager, health finance, Shawnee Clinic Administrator, and Health Programs Director meet to review monthly financials and collections of the health clinics in Little Axe and Shawnee.

• **Monthly Program/Departmental Directors meeting.** Each director comes every third Monday and gives a monthly update on their program/department. Court, Cultural Preservation/Gift Shop, Education, Domestic Violence/Family Services, Enrollment, Human Resources, Finance, Maintenance, Music, MIS, Police, Procurement, Realty, Probate, Social Services, Tag, TERO, Title VI, Building Blocks, Indian Child Welfare, Housing, Media, OEH/OEP, and Health Programs. We, as the Executive Committee, appreciate these departments who take the time to come and give us an update on activities and events monthly and prepare monthly written reports. We understand they may have circumstances occur that prevent them from coming to the monthly meetings and appreciate the fact that they let us know or send someone in their place when they cannot attend. THANK YOU!

• **REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** meet every third Wednesday of the month to decide on executive and legislature resolutions for the advancement and betterment of the tribe.

• **Elders' Council Monthly meetings** are held every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center, Thunderbird Casino, Title VI Bldgs, 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join

us for fellowship, food, and fun times together. Election for new officers was held and if any amendments to their Bylaws are presented to the Elders Council for vote in February 15, 2014. Fund raisers, outings, and cultural activities are planned monthly. Activities and Events the Elders have hosted are: Veterans' Pow Wow in November, Inaugural Ball, attended various cultural events in Canada, Iowa, New Mexico, South Dakota, etc., in and around the state of Oklahoma. The NEW officers are Dan Little Axe, President, Wynona Coon, Vice-President, Mary Birdtail, Secretary, and Emily Longman, Treasurer. If you would like more information about the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, please call Cynthia Longhorn, 405/273-4137.

• **Thunderbird Casino Monthly financial meeting** with General Manager, Dillon Byrd, Controller, myself, and/or other Executive Committee Member, who are available, to go over the monthly financials of both casinos in Little Axe and Shawnee.

• **Internal Revenue Service, AST VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).** AST VITA is a service for free tax preparation for tribal members, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit components, targeted toward low-income families with children (Adjusted Gross Income Limit-AGI=\$58,000) and tax counseling for elders. This is our first year and we hope to be successfully and continue to have this service for our tribal members and eventually be community wide. Appointments will start January 29th - April 12, 2014 (Wed, Thurs, and Sat), 3-7pm and 9-2pm. Appointments only, please call 405-273-4534 to set up an appointment and forms will need to be filled so you will be asked to come at least 20-30 minutes early. If you have questions, please call Eddie Brokesoulder, 405-275-4030 x148, or email eddieb@astribe.com.

• **CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA).** Grant was submitted February 28, 2013 and we were one of 35 awarded. The grant was awarded at \$92,290. If any tribal member is interested in being on steering committee, board of directors, or loan committee, please contact Eddie Brokesoulder, 275-4030, Ext. 148 or email eddieb@astribe.com.

• **Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC):** Thursday, January 16th, 2014, CRC met and finishing up on the constitution. They appreciated all your inputs and commitment to update our constitution. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Eddie Brokesoulder, 405-275-4030 Ext. 148. Or contact Briana Ponkilla, her email address: brianaponkilla@yahoo.com.

## NEWS FLASH

**Cobell Update** (<http://www.indiantrust.com>): Have questions call the Info Center: **1-800-961-6109**.

## ALERT

The Garden City Group, the claims administrator for the Cobell Settlement, has recently learned that individuals representing themselves to be associated with the Cobell Settlement have contacted one or more class members and sought to obtain bank account information. Please be advised that these

individuals are not acting on behalf of the Cobell Settlement. No one associated with the Cobell Settlement will ever request that you provide information regarding your personal bank account. Therefore, please be careful about

releasing your bank account numbers to others.

If you receive a call requesting such information or if you are concerned about a call you receive, please write down the phone number and contact the Garden City Group at 1-800-961-6109 or David Smith and Bill Dorris, Class Counsel, at 1-866-383-6554.

**TRUST ADMINISTRATION CLASS PAYMENTS EXPECTED IN 2014 Important Update:** Trust Administration Class payments are expected to be mailed in 2014.

The Settlement Agreement approved by Congress and the Courts requires identification of all Trust Administration Class Members and calculation of their respective pro rata shares before the Claims Administrator for the Cobell Settlement can mail Trust Administration Class payments. That work is ongoing and is nearly complete.

After the membership of the Trust Administration Class is finalized, it will take approximately a month to complete the calculations for the over 500,000 Trust Administration Class Members. Once the Claims Administrator receives those calculations and the Court approves the Second Stage Distribution, the Claims Administrator will quickly prepare and commence distribution within three weeks. Please be assured that all parties are doing everything possible to issue the Trust Administration payments as soon as possible. Any questions can be directed to the below:

Indian Trust Settlement  
P.O. Box 9577

Dublin, OH 43017-4877

By Phone: 800-961-6109

By Email: [Info@IndianTrust.com](mailto:Info@IndianTrust.com)

The Finance Department employees, very much deserve special recognition as they daily continue the never ending processes for the financial side of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Without their tireless diligence, dedication, and commitment we could not keep the financial transactions processes flowing!

Also, appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokesoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, recommendations/suggestions, attendance at meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer!

Very special thanks to Arlene Herrera who serves as Administrative Assistant in the office of treasurer and secretary.

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours! See below articles from Finance Department and Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokesoulder.

Respectfully, Kathy Deere, Tribal Treasurer

**"LEADERSHIP IS BASED ON INSPIRATION, NOT DOMINATION; ON COOPERATION, NOT INTIMIDATION."**

-William Arthur Wood

# Financial Consultant's Report

Hello Tribal Members,

As Financial Consultant for the office of Treasurer, I hope each tribal member established a New Year's resolution to develop a financial plan for 2014 for you and your family. As tax season is upon us it is my hope that each of you think of about financial decisions and set aside savings with an influx of cash at tax time. The office of Treasure will continue to provide fiduciary responsibilities for sound financial management decisions for tribal funds and programs.

**The following activities I have been involved and engaged:**

**CY 2014 Office of Treasure Budgets:** Reviewed and analyzed Treasurer's calendar year 2014 General Fund and Indirect Cost budgets.

**Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA):** ASEDA board meeting was held with the following business topics and discussions:

- Little Axe Water District
- Brothers Bottling Company LLC, met with board members to discuss business venture
- Tribal Solutions - Discussion of investment / joint-venture with an established Aerospace/Aviation/Energy Manufacturer
- U.S.D.A. - Staff of U.S.D.A. offices in Stillwater and Muskogee gave a presentation on various grant and loan programs available to ASEDA and Tribe
- Division of Capital Investments - Frieda Satepehtaw Bailey BIA Loan Specialist of Anadarko, OK, provided information on the division of Capital Investment which manages Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program which breaks through conventional barriers to financing for tribes and individual Indians.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**Absentee Shawnee Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA):** The AST VITA program in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) continues to accept appointments for **BASIC TAX** services for Absentee Shawnee Tribal members, Title VI building at tribal complex. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (O.I.L.S.) sponsored this tax program about three years ago or more. We are requesting that you do not compare O.I.L.S. tax services to our current program. Our tax preparers are certified to prepare basic tax returns, more advanced tax returns are requested that you contact other tax organizations for services.

We will provide free tax services from January 29, thru April 14, 2014. Appointments only are now being accepted by calling **405-273-4534**. **Please do not wait until the last minute to file your taxes, as appointments maybe full.**

If you need more information, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, Site Coordinator at 405-275-4030 x148.



## Absentee Shawnee Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI):

We are currently seeking a tribal member as a volunteer board member, with financial banking experience to assist us in completing our board make-up of five members. The role of our volunteer board will provide professional oversight in developing articles of incorporation and by-laws, job description, development of loan committee and policies. Our tribe in September 2013 received a \$92,000 grant for development of this much needed program which will enhance our tribal members and community by providing credit building and consumer small business loans with added financial literacy and technical assistance.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming a volunteer board member or would like more information on our CDFI efforts, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder at 275-4030 x148 or eddieb@astribe.com.



## 2014 Oklahoma Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program (OKBFRP):

The OKBFRP program in its third year, sponsored by The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Poteau, OK., held its first orientation and planning class February 1st and I was in attendance. I signed up for the horticulture sessions which are a mixture of classroom instruction and in-field with a focus on real-life problem-solving and hands-on skills.

Our classes will meet in May, June and July and the final session in August. It is my hope that I come away with horticulture knowledge which will provide sustainable agriculture program development for tribal members and community. Look for more information in forthcoming newsletters, also if you are interested in more information on our efforts of sustainable agriculture, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder at 275-4030 x148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

## Constitution Revision Committee (CRC):

On January 16th, CRC met to discuss finalizing work on the constitution. In attendance Anita Chisholm, Melpherd Switch, Jerry Little Axe, Betty Watson, Augustine Johnson, Cynthia Longhorn, Dan Little Axe, Twila Parker, Briana Ponkilla, Treasurer Deere, and Eddie Brokeshoulder. Our next meeting is scheduled February 20th at 6:30 p.m., Little Axe Resource Center. Tribal membership is invited to participate and get involved in revising our constitution. The Constitution Review Committee report can be found in February 2014 newsletter. If you would like more information, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, 405-275-4030 x148 or Briana Ponkilla, 405-878-0633.

**Thunderbird Casino Financials:** A

meeting was held with Dillon Byrd, General Manager of Thunderbird Casino to discuss monthly financials of both Little Axe and Shawnee casinos.

In closing, as Financial Consultant, would like to hear from our constituents, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder at 405-275-4030 x148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

Respectfully,  
Financial Consultant  
Eddie Brokeshoulder  
(Article Written 1/16/2014)

## Finance Department February 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, however I have not been given a negotiation date as of today. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 to 22.35% for 2012 and 27.39% for 2013; with 2014 being undetermined until negotiations during 2014.

We are preparing for the 2013 Audit which will begin early 2014 for all of the Tribe's entities [Casinos; Store; Restaurant; Smoke Shop's; ASEDA, Inc.; ASEDA, Enterprises; ASTHA & LSWN which makes up Absentee Health Systems; and the Tribal Government.] 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 December 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, I H S, 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.

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

## Representative's Report

Hello Tribal Members,

January has come and gone and we are already in the month of February.

The office of the Representative has been moving steadily in this new year and is working with the Cultural Preservation and the Programs staff on different ideas on how we can educate the Tribal members on our Respectable Culture. Program Director Joseph Blanchard has taken the Program to new levels and is starting to pull the Program out of the system of Grants alone and fund with money from within his Programs that he sees over. Never thought I would see that on paper but it is happening Mr. Blanchard. Thanks to you and your staff for taking the Cultural Preservation Program to this next level.

Phil Bradley who is over our Music Program is back and signing up Tribal members and other tribal friends for his music program so if you would like to learn to play the Guitar, Piano, Drums or would like to learn to sing, make sure you call the Music Program and sign up for a class. Please hurry cause classes are filling up quickly.

Programs that I was once over are doing well. I like to keep my eye on projects that were started under the Representative. The New Building Blocks Learning Center in Little Axe is moving forward with construction and I am very proud to have started that for our Absentee Shawnee infants and till they can get to school this center is one that was needed in that area.

The children's camp that was supposed to have already been under construction is still in Progress to be funded by ICDBG Grant and will let you know the progression as I find out anything on this project. It's always a pleasure and it makes me smile when I can help our Tribal people in any endeavor that arises when I first came into office I was more than busy working with various programs and now I'm very happy with what I was Blessed with and I am still doing what I was doing before the change.

If you need to talk to me my door is open and you can come by and see me anytime or call and setup an appointment.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Birthday that is in February, and Happy

Valentine's Day to all tribal members and employees.

I would like to send out my condolences to the families that have lost loved ones in the past few months.

Representative Jeff Gibson

## Secretary's Report

Hello Tribal members:

I hope that everyone is doing well, considering that the weather is not giving us a break on the flu, and sinus problems that seem to be plaguing everyone.

It has been very slow in my office due to the holidays and having people out sick, which has been all over campus not just my office. Now that the holidays are over for a while, we can get back down to business.

I attended the Intertribal Health Board meeting on the 14th of January, and we are now able to compact dialysis from the IHS, so that will be very good for the people that need dialysis on a regular basis, although I am not sure when this goes in to effect.

On another note, the Creek Nation out of Okmulgee had some donations that they had collected for the tornado victims and had not been able to get them to us until the 8th of January, these items were disbursed out to needy families both non-tribal and tribal and enough school supplies for about 200 students, which we put with the education department to give to our children when school starts in the Fall. These school supplies were donated by a group of school children, they had raised money and Creek Nation matched the funds to help with the purchase of the school supplies.

One of the things I would like to do is explain the Guidelines and or purpose of some of our organizations, such as the TEC Board, the BIA regulations, monies from grants for the clinic and other entities. I say this because a few years ago I spoke up at the General Council asking for the TEC Board to be abolished, and now I know why it should not be abolished, it is for our tribe's protection that some of these guidelines and Boards are in place. With the help of Scott Miller, the reason for the existence TEC Board is as follows:

· Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc. (TEC, Inc.) is a private corporation created under the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Corporation Code in 2000. There was initially one board member and the sole shareholder has been the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Like all corporations, the certificate of incorporation included the stipulation TEC, Inc. could engage in any lawful business.

· The initial purpose of TEC, Inc. was to obtain a liquor license with the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission (ABLE Commission). TEC, Inc. entered into a management agreement with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to operate the Jockey Club within Thunderbird Casino.

· In 2008, the TEC, Inc. board of directors was expanded to five members. Additional management duties were also extended to include the operation of all casinos belonging to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, through a management agreement between the Tribe and TEC, Inc.

· TEC, Inc. was created and expanded to provide increased protection for the Tribe from liability. The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled corporations, businesses, and Tribes who hold liquor license have subjected themselves to the authority and jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma in regards to liquor related torts (lawsuits involving alcohol related injuries).

· TEC, Inc. limits the assets a defendant may seek in a tort lawsuit.

· All vendor and business contracts are with TEC, Inc. This separates the Tribe from the business and limits the Tribe's liability in the event of a contract dispute.

· The day-to-day operations have been delegated to a General Manager. The General Manager reports to the Board of Directors and provides monthly financial reports to the Tribe's Treasurer, Controller, Tax Administrator, Tax Commission, and Gaming Commission.

· The corporate documents are held by the corporation's Secretary, while the Tribal Secretary's Office maintains the incorporation documents.

· The Executive Committee sits as the Shareholder's Representative. This body elects the Board of Directors of TEC, Inc.

· The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) has concerns with the Tribe having management oversight of gaming as well as oversight of the regulatory authority, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Gaming Commission.

I also have a question for everyone, it was my understanding that when we were elected it was on a 24/7 basis and that we were not able to claim Overt time or Comp time. I would like for you as tribal members give me a call or any of the Executive Committee members how you feel about this statement. I am very interested in knowing what you as tribal members think.

Vera M. Dawsey  
Secretary,

Page 7: Pictures of the donations from Creek Nation delivered to Brendle Corner.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD**

**OR ARTICLE:**

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**(405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0558**

**or send us an e-mail to**

**stiger@astribe.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.**



# FOCUS GROUP!

## FREE GIFT CARD & GOODY BAG

We are looking for participants to join us in a discussion over our community's prescription drug use and underage drinking issues. We are looking for adult community members as well as youth community members ages 15-19. There will be 3 sessions, one for adults, one for male youth and another for female youth. Each participant will receive a free gift card and goody bag! To sign up to join in on this community discussion send me your contact information and add your name to our list! **This is first come first serve!**  
Limit 10 per group.

Kasey Dean - LA Behavioral Health Department 405.701.7993  
Kdean@astribe.com



**\*EVERY DAY IN THE US, 2,500 YOUTH AGES 12-17 ABUSE A PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVER FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

**\*MORE THAN HALF OF TEENS 56% INDICATE THAT IT'S EASY TO GET PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM THEIR PARENT'S MEDICINE CABINET.**

**\*ADOLESCENTS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN YOUNG ADULTS TO BECOME DEPENDENT ON PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION.**

**\*ONE PERSON DIES EVERY 19 MINUTES FROM PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IN THE UNITED STATES. (CDC)**

MESSAGE FROM THE  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
405.701.7987



It's Time for a Change  
bettylwatson.com

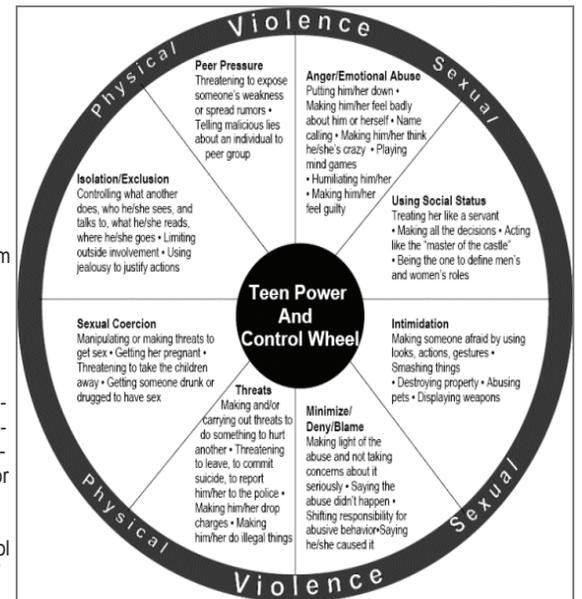
**Betty L. Watson**  
for Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Lt. Governor



## February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



- Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.
- One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner a figure that far exceeds rated of other types of youth violence.
- One in 10 high school students have been purposefully hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- One quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical or sexual abuse.



Dating violence is a type of intimate partner violence. It occurs between two people in a close relationship. The nature of dating violence can be physical, emotional, or sexual.

- **Physical**—This occurs when a partner is pinched, hit, shoved, or kicked.
- **Emotional**—This means threatening a partner or harming his or her sense of self-worth. Examples include name calling, shaming, bullying, embarrassing on purpose, or keeping him/her away from friends and family.
- **Sexual**—This is forcing a partner to engage in a sex act when he or she does not or cannot consent.

Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Dating violence often starts with teasing and name calling. These behaviors are often thought to be a "normal" part of a relationship. But these behaviors can lead to more serious violence like physical assault and rape. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.)

*If you or someone you know has questions about Teen Dating Violence you may contact the Family Violence Prevention Coordinator at 405-273-2888 or 405-432-9657.*

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**SUICIDE**  
PREVENTION  
LIFELINE  
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suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Hamburger Lett, Tom Onion Rings Ice Cream	4 Wieners N Kraut Greenbeans Wheat Bread Fruit	5 Chicken N Dumplings Veggies Peaches	6 Baked Potato Chez, Ham Sour Cream Broccoli	7 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	8
9	10 Chicken Salad Sandwich Lett, Tom Chips Pears	11 Frito Chili Pie w/ Ranch Beans Tossed Salad* Plums	12 Meatloaf Mashed Pot/Gravy Greenbeans Apricots	13 Bean & Beef Burrito Spanish Rice Pudding	14 Bagel Cream Chez Boiled Egg Fruit	15
16	17 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Mixed Fruit	18 Baked Ham Black-eyed Peas Sweet Pot Crisp	19 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Greenbeans Bread/Peaches	20 Hominy N Pork Zucc & Tom. Cake	21 Oatmeal Sausage Patty Toast Banana	22
23	24 Grilled Chez Chicken Noodle Soup Pudding	25 Soft Taco Lett, Tom, Onions Black Beans Spanish Rice Applesauce	26 Pinto Beans Cornbread Brussel Sprouts Pears	27 Tuna Salad Sandwich Lett, Tom Sunchips Jell-O	28 French Toast Bacon Fruit	
<b>NOT GOING TO BE HOME LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY OR DRIVER</b>			<b>LUNCH SERVED MONDAY – THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9 AM</b>			

## Injury Prevention

Everyone has a fear of something in their life from spiders to snakes and anything else that would scare you. But did you know that a lot of older adults have a fear of falling! Yes this is true because it can get in the way with being able to live independently.

Here are some ideas from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that can prevent you from falls inside your home.

- Improve lighting in darkened areas
- Make sure floors are not slippery, remove rugs that don't have a non-slip bottom, or use double sided duct tape to hold the rug down
- Raise toilet seat, place non-slip rubber mats in the bath tub & a mat with a rubber bottom on the floor at the base of the tub
- Have handles to grab
- Night-lights in hallways, bathrooms and near stairs
- Keep cords and telephone lines neat and organized
- Remove clutter from the floor, walk ways & stairs which may cause a trip
- Always wear proper shoes with rubber soles. Avoid wearing slippers & house socks alone

If you have any questions about AST Injury Prevention Program please contact Rosie Tall Bear at the AST Little Axe Clinic at 405-447-0300 ext.7601 or email at [rtallbear@astribe.com](mailto:rtallbear@astribe.com)



The AST Fitness Program would like to extend an invite to all tribal members looking to increase their levels of physical activity and learn more about fitness and exercise. The AST Fitness Facility at the Resource Center is fully equipped with state of the art treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary cycles, dumbbells, isolation strength machines, and a cable machine. Our facility is also equipped with freestanding striking bags, medicine balls, exercise balls, fitness mats, resistance bands, BOSU balls, and other various exercise apparatus for your preferred workout. The AST Fitness Program currently provides free fitness classes to all tribal members. Classes include: Kickboxing, Circuit Training, Chair Exercise, Tai Chi, Boot camp, and Aerobic Fitness. The AST Fitness Program is here to help you get started on increasing your levels of physical activity and exercise. We invite you to come visit our fitness facility and see what our fitness program can provide for you.



### AST Fitness Facility Hours

Monday through Thursday

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday

CLOSED

405-364-7298



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	3923 N HARRISON ST	SHAWNEE	OK	74804	Y
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## NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS BENEFIT ENROLLMENT FAIR

*Have you ever served in the military?*  
*Are you a family member of someone who has served in the Military?*  
**This is your opportunity to come and ask the experts for assistance.**



**Hosts:** Oklahoma City VA Medical Center  
 Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center  
 Seminole Nation  
 Creek Nation

**Location:** Holdenville Creek Indian Community Center  
 224 E. Poplar Street  
 Holdenville, OK

**Date:** February 21, 2014  
**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Meals:** Snacks and drinks at 9:00 AM  
 Lunch at 12:00

**Contacts:**

- Candy Klumpp, RN  
 Native American Nurse Navigator  
 Oklahoma City VAMC  
 405-456-3808
- Frank Sewell  
 Tribal Veterans Representative  
 Seminole Nation  
 405-919-9094
- Sarai Geary  
 Community Development Specialist  
 Creek Nation  
 918-841-3855

**Other Representatives:**

- Veterans Health Administration
- Veterans Benefits Administration
- Oklahoma Veterans Center
- Tulsa Veterans Center
- Tribal Court Programs
- Veterans Upward Bound Program
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Tricare/Humana
- Workforce Oklahoma
- Office of Special Trustee
- ODMHSAS
- Tribal training, health care services, and housing services, etc.
- Just to name a few!

# CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

The AST Cultural Preservation Department would like to pass along the following information concerning updates to each of our programs.

## **CULTURAL PRESERVATION**

This past month, we held our first activity of the year for our Program. Of the 25<sup>th</sup> individuals to sign up, 11 held to their initial commitment, along with 2 last-minute, for a total of 13 attendees. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, they participated in a Ladies' Beaded Collar skills class. The discussion and demonstration was lead by Mrs. Henryetta Ellis. After lunch and snacks, we got underway about 1:40 PM and completed clean-up by 5 PM. The small class will re-convene from 11 AM-1 PM on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Police Substation in Little Axe, to complete their projects. It is my hope that those of you who participate will be able to take away a new skill upon the completion of each cultural class. It is our intent to have an activity each month, though it may not always be a cultural or skills demonstration. If you have questions about the skills classes, would like to lead a demonstration, or want our Program to provide a Dance exhibition, please call Joseph at Ext. 203, or send an email to joseph.blanchard@astribe.com

## **LIBRARY**

We have a variety of resources available for checkout or your reading leisure including: magazines, newspapers, journals, CDs and DVDs. Our intern, Ashley Brokeshoulder has returned to finish out her final semester of studies at Texas Tech. We wish her well in her course work and look forward to her degree completion in a few months. In the meantime, the Library will have posted the Librarian/Archivist position. Once the interviews are complete and a selection has been made, we'll make a formal announcement in the March newsletter. If you have any concerns or questions about membership or circulation, please call us at ext. 122.

## **GIFT SHOP**

The Gift Shop continues to make progress in sales and new inventory. At the time of this submission, we received our most recent orders from Indian House and Saddle Blanket. Please come in and view our selection of CD's in the Native style of music you prefer. We carry tunes for Powwow, NAC, and Stomp Dance. Also, the latest variety of bags, rugs and table cloths are now in stock. If we don't have what you like, let us know. Oftentimes, we can 'Special Order' your request and have it on hand in a matter of days. If you have any questions, please call Esther at ext. 122, or by email at elowden@astribe.com

## **THPO**

Our THPO program continues to make great strides and advancements. As previously discussed, we will be hosting a Heritage Resource Technician (HRT) Paraprofessional training in March. This will consist of 40 hours of Classroom and 40 hours of Field Work, for a total of 80 hours to complete the certification. After the course, Tribal members will have the chance to put their new skills to work almost immediately. There is ongoing preparation being completed in order for us to host this event, in conjunction with the National Forest Service. Likewise, along with this activity, there is another opportunity for us to assist the National Railway Association, which will require an additional 4-8 hours of 'E-Safety' training. These classes will be necessary for individuals to become employable with our programs, and offered at little or no cost to Tribal members.

Your concerns are important to us. We thank you for the continued support of our department as we continue to make changes to our programs, in order to provide the best service to our customers. Thank you for your time.

Joseph H. Blanchard

Cultural Preservation Director/ Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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## **Health System Update and Notices:**

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, 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.

## **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 your tribe provides you. See the website for health at: [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org).



FY-2013  
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS  
(thru 12/31/13)

RUN DATE:  
01/08/14

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$5,320.89	\$5,961.53	\$10,318.20	\$5,250.35	\$6,199.63	\$5,694.53	\$10,621.07	\$1,015.26	\$4,978.72	\$10,604.50	\$894.73	\$9,640.14	\$76,499.55	1.99%
Gaming % of free cash	\$414,328.00	\$408,888.00	\$225,370.00	\$224,409.00	\$0.00	\$258,496.00	\$368,744.00	\$260,000.00	\$380,605.00	\$259,287.00	\$135,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$3,235,127.00	84.36%
Employee (1%)	\$29,238.39	\$4,799.87	\$4,314.16	\$20,146.42	\$11,097.65	\$11,469.05	\$8,437.34	\$736.94	\$24,992.83	\$14,764.66	\$453.47	\$15,612.66	\$146,063.44	3.81%
Severance (8%)	\$15,812.22	\$5,128.09	\$0.00	\$21,426.59	\$12,234.71	\$1,488.58	\$19,054.69	\$10,289.60	\$8,658.11	\$12,002.16	\$6,214.64	\$13,567.81	\$125,877.20	3.28%
Motor Vehicle	\$14,481.54	\$13,521.61	\$15,001.64	\$13,851.28	\$13,034.02	\$15,104.71	\$14,605.08	\$13,974.15	\$13,338.22	\$13,981.32	\$11,037.45	\$11,068.32	\$162,999.34	4.25%
Tobacco Refund	\$10,087.72	\$12,244.26	\$8,474.55	\$9,091.57	\$11,494.05	\$10,776.45	\$9,807.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,603.56	\$8,514.78	\$85,094.64	2.22%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$489,268.76</b>	<b>\$450,543.36</b>	<b>\$263,478.55</b>	<b>\$294,175.21</b>	<b>\$54,060.06</b>	<b>\$303,029.32</b>	<b>\$431,269.88</b>	<b>\$286,015.95</b>	<b>\$432,572.88</b>	<b>\$310,639.64</b>	<b>\$158,203.85</b>	<b>\$358,403.71</b>	<b>\$3,831,661.17</b>	<b>\$3,831,661.17</b>
Miscellaneous	\$970.00	\$250.00	\$106.75	\$230.00	\$155.00	\$170.00	\$140.00	\$170.00	\$150.00	\$108.00	\$60.00	\$670.00	\$3,179.75	0.08%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$490,238.76</b>	<b>\$450,793.36</b>	<b>\$263,585.30</b>	<b>\$294,405.21</b>	<b>\$54,215.06</b>	<b>\$303,199.32</b>	<b>\$431,409.88</b>	<b>\$286,185.95</b>	<b>\$432,722.88</b>	<b>\$310,747.64</b>	<b>\$158,263.85</b>	<b>\$359,073.71</b>	<b>\$3,834,840.92</b>	<b>100%</b>

NOTE:

**UPDATE!**

**AST VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)**



**FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE  
FOR LOW -to- MODERATE INCOME  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS  
WHO MAKE LESS THAN < \$52,000**

- ✓ Trained preparers check eligibility for EITC and Child Care Credit
- ✓ Federal and State returns are *electronically* - filed with the IRS
- ✓ Confirmation the IRS has accepted your tax return
- ✓ Direct Deposit of Federal and State refunds available
- ✓ **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Limit = \$52,000**

**Please bring the following items:**

- AST C.D.I.B.
- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- Taxpayers Proof of Identity (Driver's License) and/or spouse
- Previous Tax Year Return
- All forms, W-2, 1098 and 1099
- Information for other income
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number
- Information for deductions/credits
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund (e.g., voided check)
- Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and/or dependents.

**Filing Period: February 12, 2014 – April 12, 2014**

**Location: Title VI Building, Tribal Complex**

**Schedule: Wednesdays 3 P.M. – 7 P.M.**

**Thursdays 3 P.M. – 7 P.M.**

**Saturdays 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

**Call for an Appointment: (405) 275-4030 Ext. 241**

**Please arrive 30 minutes early to complete intake / review form.**

**Appointments Only!**

# RESOLUTIONS

## RESOLUTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER, 2013

### EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS: E-AS-13-95 11/20/13

Rescinds Executive Resolution No. E-AS-2013-94 in order for it to be to be presented as a Legislative Resolution authorizing the negotiation and purchase original allotment of Charley Starr, AS 201-C, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma.

### E-AS-13-96 11/20/13

Authorizes and approves the contract with AETNA Health, Inc. and authorizes Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe to sign any and all documents necessary to execute and deliver the contract.

### E-AS-13-97 11/20/13

Authorizes and approves the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma and authorizing Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe to sign any and all documents necessary to execute and deliver the contract.

### E-AS-13-98 11/20/13

Authorizes and approves the contract with MHNNet Behavioral Health and authorizing Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe to sign any and all documents necessary to execute and deliver the contract.

### E-AS-13-99 11/20/13

Authorizes and approves the contract with Preferred Community Choice PPO and authorizes Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe to sign any and all documents necessary to execute and deliver the contract.

### E-AS-13-100 11/20/13

Authorizes and approves the Governor to approve or deny requests to modify the Tribal Seal and authorizes and approves the Governor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate approvals or denials, effective immediately.

### E-AS-13-101 11/20/13

Approves and accepts **Kyra Nicole Thorpe, Cheyenne Michelle Wilson, Mariana Danyel Wilson, Makylea Mae Cook, Henry James Cook, Jr., Kolbie Lee Harjo, Kaleb Emery Harjo, Josiah Sage Creek-Harjo, Tatum Kenzie Harjo, Kadence Jade Harjo, Alexzander Jordan Kisor, Jesse Devon Kisor, II, Brady Lee Dunlap, Briar Arland Wilkinson, Keyania Shaneil Khan, Wyatt James Lowe, Chad Mikel Martinez, Jr., Alyson Jo Martinez, John William McDoulett, Railynn Taylor Brown, Ashton Kobe Ramirez, Madilyn Neveah Miller, Dakota Dale Deckard, Dylan Micheal Weaver, Saydi Leigh Smith, Trenn Talen Smith, Elizabeth Ranae Mendoza, and Samuel Lee Mendoza**, as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

### E-AS-13-102 12/30/13

Establishes Holidays for Calendar Year 2014 as set out herein:

#### Date Holiday

Wednesday, January 1 New Year's Day  
Monday, January 20 Birthday of Martin Luther King  
Monday, February 17 Presidents Day  
Friday, April 18 Good Friday  
Monday, May 26 Memorial Day  
Friday, July 4 Independence Day  
August, 2014 (TBD) Absentee Shawnee Day  
Monday, September 1 Labor Day  
Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day  
Wednesday & Thursday, November 27-28 Thanksgiving  
Wednesday & Thursday, December 24-25 Christmas

### E-AS-13-103 12//30/13

Establishes an Absentee Shawnee Severe Weather Policy, as attached hereto, and making it EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY for the Tribe and its corporations.

### E-AS-13-104 12//30/13

Approves and accepts **Allyson Lyndi Boatman, Justin Samuel McAfee, Klay Arnoldo Rodas, Owen Benjamin Rodas, Josiah Clark Warrior-Benson, Ashley Dionne Winrow, Destiney Dawn Winrow, Rickie Dawn Winrow, Myia LaShea Winrow, Rodrick Donnell Winrow, Jr., Locv Lee Jace Johnson, Chad Thomas Holznagel, Legus Trent Mitchell, Benito Miguel Travis Mitchell and Chloe Ann-Sarae Mitchell** as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

### E-AS-13-105 12//30/13

Authorizes a five (5) year lease in the amount of seven hundred sixty-five dollars and no/cents (\$765.00) per year in the original allotment of Seargant Ellis, allotment no. 820 S 266-D, described as follows: surface and surface rights only in a tract of land located in the S/2 N/2 SE/4 NE/4 and S/2 SE/4 NE/4 of Section 1, Township 10 North, 4 East of the Indian Meridian, located in Pottawatomie county, Oklahoma, containing 30.00 acres, more or less.

### E-AS-13-106 12//30/13

Authorizes a five (5) year lease in the amount of three hundred fifty dollars and no/cents (\$350.00) per year in the original allotment of Seargant Ellis, allotment no. 820 S 266-E, described as follows: surface and surface rights only in a tract of land located in the N/2 N/2 SE/4 NE/4 of Section 1, Township 10 North, 4 East of the Indian Meridian, located in Pottawatomie county, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less.

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

### L-AS-13-08 11/20/13

Authorizes the negotiation and purchase of the original allotment of Charley Starr, AS 201-C, described as surface and surface rights only in a tract of land located in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 4, Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the Indian Meridian, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma containing 40.00 acres, more or less, with the negotiated purchase price not to exceed ten (10%) percent of its appraised price being allocated from the revenue of General Fund.

### L-AS-13-09 12/30/13

Authorizes and approves the General Fund Budget for calendar year 2014 in the amount of Five Million, One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars, And No Cents (\$5,196,332.00) as reflected in the attached budget document, "Exhibit A", effective immediately.

### L-AS-13-10 12/30/13

Authorizes and approves the Indirect Cost (IDC) Budget for calendar year 2014 in the amount of Six Million, Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Seventy Dollars, And No Cents (\$6,354,070.00) as reflected in the attached budget document, "Exhibit A", effective immediately.

### L-AS-13-11 12/30/13

Authorizes and approves the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Budget for calendar year 2014 in the amount of Two Million, Two Hundred Six Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars, And No Cents (\$2,206,533.00) as reflected in the attached budget document, "Exhibit A", effective immediately.

### L-AS-13-12 12/30/13

Authorizes and approves the Tribal Health Systems (Indian Health Services -IHS) Budget for calendar year 2014 in the amount of Twenty-One Million, Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars, and No Cents (\$21,894,467.00) as reflected in the attached budget document, "Exhibit A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

## RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JANUARY 2014 EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

### E-AS-14-01 01/03/14

Approves and accepts **Abel Matthew Tiger Quarterman** as an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

### E-AS-14-02 01/15/14

Amends Resolution No. E-AS-2013-102 establishing Holidays for Calendar Year 2014 to correct the days off for Thanksgiving 2014 (Thursday & Friday, November 27-28) as set out herein.

### E-AS-14-03 01/15/14

Authorizes and approves the certification of the Membership Roll of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma of 3997 members as of December 31, 2013 as being accurate and correct.

### E-AS-14-04 01/15/14

Approves and accepts **Jacob Lee Houston, Elizabeth Ann Presson, Ethan Coe Mann, Jesse Dale Mann, Joshua Caleb Cook, Israel Aaron Cook, Jonathan David Cook and Vincent Michael Cope** as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

# Free Music Lessons



**2014 A brand new year**

**The music program at the AST is gearing up for an awesome year of learning new things in music, We've got children from the ages of 6 all the way up to our elders, each one of them loves and enjoys their classes, every week from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We hold music classes teaching to play the acoustic guitar or the Bass guitar drums or Piano, All you need to learn is the want to, You can come to the classes FREE of charge we have all the instruments and the love of teaching you how to play the instrument of your choice. We've been helping Children & Adults of all ages since 2010 We would love to work with you and see you enjoy playing music this year just give us a call at**

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**[pbradley@astribe.com](mailto:pbradley@astribe.com) I'll get back with you A.S.A.P. and set you up a day and time that will fit your schedule.**

**Music can Move you to great things.**

**The AST Music Program**

**405-370-5576**

**Phil Bradley**



# February 2014 Birthdays

Alford, Dianne Susan  
Alford, Donald Ray  
Alford, Laurie Leann  
Alford, Makenzie Raychel  
Alford, Paul Henry  
Almanza, Sacha Blue Renee  
Arellano, Jennifer Lynn  
Argueta, Oneonta Marie  
Armstrong, Dusty Ridge  
Asbridge, Sandra Lilrene  
Atwara, Honey Nicole  
Barnard, Kevin Michael  
Battiest, Phyllis Leeann  
Belden, Florene  
Belden, Lois Little Creek  
Bennett, Deeann Onahwag  
Berryhill, Valerie Lynn  
Bettelyoun, Amber Dawn  
Bettelyoun, Anthony Bryce  
Bettelyoun, Lea Dawn  
Bittle, Joshua Jacob  
Blanchard Craig, Carolyn Jean  
Blanchard Sr, Leland Dale  
Blanchard, Aaron Gabriel  
Blanchard, Cache Lewis  
Blanchard, Caden Briar  
Blanchard, Charles Eugene  
Blanchard, Joshua James  
Blanchard, Kellice Lee  
Blanchard, Rikki Rechele  
Blanchard, Sierrah Delyn  
Blanchard, Taylor Jordan  
Blanchard, Thurman Leon  
Blanchard, Velma Mae  
Bowles, Melissa Carole  
Boyd, Laura Lynn  
Bread, Charles Michael  
Bread, Dina Adele  
Breeding, Kinsley Reece  
Brokeshoulder, Tammy Lynn  
Brown III, Curtis Jermain  
Brown, Cody Wayne  
Brown, Lisa Renee  
Campbell, Mikayla Jo  
Carlson, Scottina Dakota  
Carnes, Kylee Alea Lynn  
Carr, Adoree Celeste  
Checotah, Eric Wayne  
Cloud, Doris ( Elephant )  
Coddington, William Michael  
Cooper, Dade Luke Allen  
Copeland, Val Rochelle  
Cottrell, Ryan Thomas  
Cozad, Anastasia E-mah-doh  
Creek-Harjo, Josiah Sage  
Cridler, Eric Russell  
Crocker, Dorothea Carolyn  
Csoma, Alexander Attila  
Daugherty, Kenneth  
Daugherty, Mikenna Hope  
Daugherty, Serena Mae  
Davis, Meghan Paige  
De Shazo, Heather Ann  
Deardorff, Cynthia Ann  
Deckard, Dakota Dale  
Deer, Kylee Taryn  
Deer, Michael Neil

Deere, Adina Ann  
DeLodge, Lena Ruby Rhianna  
DeLodge, Ruby Leigh  
Digilio, Brandin Anthony  
Digilio, Bryon Andrew  
Downs, Camden Blake  
Downs, Cayden James  
Edwards, Kenneth Lee  
Ellis, Austin Chase  
Ellis, Jeremy Michael  
Ellis, Jessica Lyn  
Ellis, Leroy  
Emmons, Brian Ross  
Engledowl, Jasey Belle  
Fenner, Kayana Isabelle  
Ferrell, Ethan Shawn  
Fixco, Stephen Anthony  
Floyd, Jane Elizabeth  
Foreman, Joshua Daniel  
Foreman, Richard Eli  
Frazier, Devon Leanne  
Frazier, Shirley Fern  
Geissler, Stephanie Dayle  
Gibson Jr., Ronald Lewis  
Gibson, Kylakay Virginia  
Gibson, Paige Nycole  
Gibson, Paul Brian  
Gillihan, Dezireia Kristyne  
Gilman, Juanita  
Gomez, Wilma Sue  
Goodman, Blake Samuel  
Granstrom, Gayla Sue  
Grass, Wayne  
Hall, Matteson Roi  
Ham, Jerred Mace  
Ham, Rhonda Juliene  
Harder, Ruth Ellen  
Harjo, Benjamin Ray  
Harper, Pauline Aileen S.  
Hartfield, Jazlynn Shae  
Harvey, Hally Marie  
Hayes, Donna Kay Elkins  
Hayes, Jocelyn Cynthia Lorene  
Hernandez, Erica Ann  
Herrera, Robert Manuel  
Hibdon, Kendra Nicole  
Hilderbrand, Amy Beth  
Hill, Stephen Allen  
Hood III, Warren Weslyon  
Hood, Dakota Zane  
Hood, Moria Oloizia  
Huntington, Bradford Paul  
Hurst, Joseph Douglas Skinner  
Ibarra, Angel Antonio  
Irvin, Nathaniel Konrad  
Jimerson Jr., Robert  
Jobe, Alexa Lee  
Johnson Jr., Foster Calvin  
Johnson Jr., Mark Benjamin  
Johnson, Clefa Joyce Blanchard  
Johnson, Grayling Wade  
Johnson, Henry Kirby  
Johnson, Jacob Jordan  
Johnson, Mark Benjamin  
Johnson, Michael Jeremy  
Johnson, Pauline Virginia  
Johnson, Rahstin Allyn Sabbestiun

Johnson, Sandra Kay  
Johnson, Tiffany Sheri  
Johnston, Diana Sue Alford  
Judkins, Ashley Ann  
Keith, Andy Ronin  
Kickapoo, Derek Anthony  
Kirby, Gage Robert  
Kitchen, Amber Elisabeth  
Knight, Natalie Jean  
Krackenberger, Sharon Lea  
Krejci, Ronald Dylan  
Kupczynski, Joseph Martin  
Lalehparvaran, Ali Jordan  
Laplant, Scotty Alan  
Lasarge, Amos Dewayne  
Lavell, Jade Daniel  
Leath, Mary Loyse  
Lehman, Joenita Leigh  
Lena-Tiger, Camille Dawn  
Lewis, Elain Kay  
Lewis, Pamela Lynn  
Limbaugh, Jodi Kathleen  
Little Axe Eckles, Debra Lynn  
Little Axe Sr., Danny  
Little Axe, Ronald Dean  
Little Charley Jr., Scott  
Little Creek, Larry Dwight  
Littlebear, Brooklyn Shay  
Littlebear, Grant Edwin  
Littlebear, Laura Jan  
Littlecreek, Cynthia Marie  
Littlehead, Gary Lynn  
Longhorn, Avis Elaine  
Longhorn, Cynthia A.  
Longhorn, Lindsey Marie  
Longhorn, Nathan Neil  
Longman, Sasha Mae  
Lowe, Kara Michelle  
Lowe, Taylor Makayla  
Lumpmouth, Wynona Lee  
Maddux, Jonathan Webster Tiger  
Mahardy, Jeffery Andrew  
Mann, Colby Lee Richard  
Markwardt, Ethan Thomas  
Marshall, Denia Kay  
Martinez, Erica Inez  
Martinez, Jasmine Consuelo  
Martinez, Shawnee Danielle  
Masquas, Cora Irene  
Masquas, Joshiah Lee  
May, Gina Lanette  
McDoulett, John William  
McDowell, Farrell Ramon  
McKane, Sidna Rae Lenee  
McKinney, Ellen Marie  
Medina, Elizabeth Ruth Ann  
Medina, Trinity Lynn Tiger  
Melton, Jaycie Taylor  
Miller, Cari Denise  
Miner, Veda Jorene  
Minesinger, Joshua Brooker  
Minesinger, Seth Wildcat  
Mitchel, Benito Miquel Travis  
Mohawk, Cherokee Cheyenne  
Molina Jr., Charles B.  
Moore, Alexia Saranda  
Moore, Thomas Joseph William Randall

Morton, Joseph Ohland  
Mount, Glenda Dawn  
Murdock Jr., Steven Alan  
Murdock Sr., Steven Alan  
Musick, Michael Thomas  
Nail, Gregory Thomas  
Novick, River Elaine-Monique  
Odell, Ronnie Lynn  
Owens, Beau Wesley Laine  
Owings, Abigail Rose  
Panther, Lydia Denise  
Panther, Shawn Dell  
Panther-Davis, Tammie Rae  
Parker, John Wendall Gage  
Perkins, Miranda Deann  
Perry, Sierra Breanna  
Peter, Kalina Nicole  
Pine, Jeremiah Andrew  
Ponce, Aisaiah Anthony Oscar  
Pyrch, Jesse Kellen  
Quraishi, Ibraheem Bin Khalil  
Raisbeck Jr., David Nathaniel  
Raisbeck, Samantha Storm  
Raisbeck, Samuel Walter  
Ramirez III, Florentino  
Ramirez, Mariah Fay-Ann  
Ramirez, Matias Noah  
Richey, Kodi Rae Jolynn  
Ridenour, Sydney Bree  
Riley, Hulbutta Kotcha  
Robbins, Blake Anthony  
Robbins, Taylar Paige  
Robison, Ariana Michelle  
Rolette, Cheryl Lynn  
Rolette, Madison Fox Grant  
Rolette, Madison Joy  
Rowan, Damian Eugene  
Runsabove, Honor Mae  
Sams, Christine Lorraine  
Sanchez, Kianna Paola  
Seber, Peyton Eddie  
Serena, Laveda  
Shawnee, LaNayah JaN'ae  
Sheets, Angela Christy  
Simpson, Christian Jacob  
Simpson, Cody Lee  
Skelly, Shanna Lynn  
Slate, Patricia Ann  
Sloat, Douglas James  
Sloat, Meika Ladon  
Sloat, Newton D  
Smith, Marvin  
Smith, Zackery James  
Snake, Alvin Matthew  
Snake, Kenneth Lee  
Snake, Lewis George  
Snake, Stewart Lancer  
Soap, Sally Clarice  
Solomon, Billie Jean Tiger  
Spoon, Edward Joe  
Spoon, Justin Tyler  
Spoon, Paisley Rennea  
Spybuck, Garland Charles  
Spybuck, Gavan Wayne  
Spybuck, Roberta Ann  
Stevenson, Jodean Ann  
Stoudemire, Naviah DeAnne

Strain, Gerald Tousley  
Stryker, Doyle Chad  
Stryker, Laurel Brad  
Sullivan, Aizah Vanesse  
Sullivan, Marcus Lee  
Sutton Jr., Jeremy Ray  
Switch, Sabrina Lee  
Switch, Sophia Michelle  
Tahah, Barton Dale  
Talton, Dacia Arie  
Talton, Kaydince James  
Taryole, Laura Lee  
Tascier, Sarah Isabelle  
Tello-Faz, Maria delaLuz  
Terrell, Xavier Thomas Jackson  
Thompson, Asher Bryce  
Thorpe IV, George Isaiah  
Thorpe Jr., Edwin James  
Thorpe Lena, Janice Gail  
Thorpe, Edwin James  
Tiger, Kevin Richard Dewayne  
Tiger, Soaryn Edward Matthew  
Tiger, Tammy Cindie Ladawn  
Tiger, Tyler Matthew  
Tiger-Allen, Shane Clifford  
Trussell, Sherry Lynn  
Uchida, Denise Louise  
Uchida, Kevin Micheal  
Valdivia Jr., Enrique  
Vaughn, Dylan Thomas  
Wade, Justin Lee  
Walker, Robert Stanley  
Wallace, Christopher James  
Warrior, Anthony Louis  
Warrior, Pamela Sue  
Washington, Olvie Winston  
Watkins, Destiney Shae  
Watkins, Jayana Laneis  
Watson, Adriana Renae  
Watson, Brent Grynne  
Watson, Micah Lashaun D.  
Watson, Peyton Deshae  
Wenner, Martha Ellen  
Wheeler, Emily Anne  
Wheeler, Leah J.  
Whims, Madison Mackenzie  
White, Christopher Alan  
White Thunder, Shelby Lynn  
Whittaker, Caiden Skye  
Whittaker, Joshua Jay W.  
Wiley, Prince John Bowen  
Wilkinson, Kaelynn Rayann  
Williams, Brennan Marie  
Williams, Frank Richard  
Williams, Kaylee Nicole  
Williams, Kevin Bruce  
Williams, Paula Sue  
Wilson Harjo, Reta Marie  
Wilson, Adam Lee  
Wilson, Mariana Danyel  
Wilson, Melvin Wayne  
Wilson, Zelta Jo  
Womack, Che'le Caye  
Wood, Judith A.  
Wood, Ryan Ashley  
Wright, Cynthia Diane  
Yamutewa, Chebon Dale

happy birthday



sister

BJ

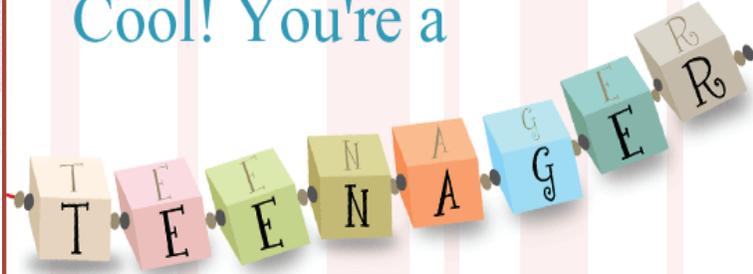
You've always been the fun one - now you're the "curator of the museum!"

So proud to say you're my sister!!

Happy, Happy Birthday Creep!!

Love,  
Sherrie

Paige Gibson  
Cool! You're a



Happy 13th Birthday!

We love you!  
Uncle Marv & Mama Seal

Happy Birthday

Janice Lena



From Marv & Sherry

Josh & Aaron  
Happy Birthday  
From Dad & Family



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JOSH FOREMAN

FROM MARV & SHERRY

Shelby Lynn White Thunder

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Happy Birthday

Love, Mom, Dad, Sheldon, Shelsie, Bryson, and Daelan

To My Eldest Son Justin Tyler!!

You've made me so happy these past 27 years. You make me laugh and smile. You make me so proud to call you my son!!

I love you always and forever!!  
Love Mom



Happy Birthday Big Brother!!

We love you sooooo much and love when you play with us outside!!

Love your little brother Joplin and little sister Jiliyan!



Happy Birthday Grandson!  
You are so special and make me so proud that you are my grandson!

Love Always,  
Granny

Kieven and Shanna  
Happy Birthday



From Bo

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

TO MY DAUGHTER  
BARBARA JO  
SPOON-SMITH  
YOU LOOK JUST  
LIKE YOU DID  
WHEN YOU  
WERE 20.  
I LOVE YOU,  
MOM



MARV!!  
I LOVE YOU!  
SHERRY

Happy Birthday to our favorite gripey Uncle Marvin Smith!  
From your nephews,  
Sebastian & Christian

Happy Birthday to our Pawpaw Marv!  
We love you!  
From your G-Babies,  
Ryder Cash & Baby Landyn

Happy Birthday to our own grumpy old man (HAHA) Marvin Smith!  
From your in-laws, Shawn & Marilyn

Happy Birthday to my Pop Marvin Smith!  
Love, Jordan

Happy Valentine's Day Marv!  
I Love You!  
Sherry

Happy Birthday & Happy Valentine's Day!  
VELMA BLANCHARD  
The world's best MOM!  
We love you very much!  
Marvin & Sherry

Happy Birthday!  
Bart Tahah  
From Uncle Marv & Sherry

# SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

## Billie Thompson

Billie was recently hired as the Director of the Building Blocks (BB) Day Care Center. She is an Absentee Shawnee tribal member and she along with her family resides in Moore, Oklahoma.

Since coming to work for the Building Blocks program in August of 2013, Ms. Thompson has done a remarkable job by getting our program into Two Star compliance, updating the BB personnel manual, hiring well qualified staff and making our program literally 'shine'.

I am pleased to have Billie as one of my team leaders. She is a responsible and dedicated employee. Thank you, Billie.



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.

I, (Zachary Butler-Intertribal Agriculture Council), would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to support the Intertribal Agriculture Council's Mobile Farmers Market that visited the Tribal Complex and Little Axe Clinic on January 10, 2014. Mr. Daniel Cornelius of the Intertribal Agriculture Council and of the Great Lakes Region is on a "Connect the Tribal trading routes" tour. He is traveling throughout the country to pick up Native American produced products (food, arts and crafts). The mobile farmers market was created in the fall of 2012. Mr. Cornelius and the Intertribal Agriculture Council received a Farmers Market Promotion Program grant to start the program and to purchase the vehicle that he uses to travel the country. The mobile farmers market has two main objective: 1) expand market access for Tribal food producers and 2) increase availability of fresh, healthy, and traditional food items, especially in remote Tribal communities. On his visit to the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex he was able to

bring Wild rice, syrup, jams and jellies, dried corn, beef jerky, dried blue corn meal, chocolate, beaded items, silver work and many other items. On behalf of myself, Zachary Butler, Dan Cornelius and the Intertribal Agriculture Council we appreciate all the support from the people and if you have any questions about how we can help with farming, ranching or land issues please contact me at (405) 747-7665 or [zbutler@indianaglink.com](mailto:zbutler@indianaglink.com), or questions about the mobile farmers market contact Dan Cornelius at (608) 280-1267 or [dan@indianaglink.com](mailto:dan@indianaglink.com).





# Horse Shoe Bend After School Program

## February 2014 News



On January 13, 2014 the Horse Shoe Bend after school program began its second semester. As-to-date not all of the Oklahoma Baptist University students have come back from their semester break yet. These students should return by the end of January. I was fortunate to be able to help the program out their first week of tutoring and it was an enjoyable week. The first day back from the school break we had 24 students in attendance. On day two we had 22, day three we had 24, and my fourth and final day we had 22. Students stay active in school functions and sports such as basketball, soccer, track, etc.

Currently, we are in the late planning stage of an Anti-Bullying/Suicide Awareness Program to be held on January 22, 2014 at the Horse Shoe Bend after school program. This special program will begin at 3:30 p.m. The Absentee Shawnee Police Department will do a presentation on anti-bullying and the MSPI Program will discuss their suicide prevention program. It is our intent to have this presentation given again at the Little Axe Resource Center in a couple of weeks to the Little Axe after School program attendee's.

Bullying of our children and suicide prevention are serious concerns to me as a leader, parent and grandparent. I believe we need to offer as much encouragement and assistance to our students, teachers, and counselors and after school program coordinators as we can offer. It is my goal to partner in the upcoming year with Tribal leaders in our area to make more program opportunities available to our youth on these issues. Our children face enough challenges in getting class work done without being tormented by peers or others.

If you should have any questions pertaining to this program or would like to assist by volunteering I may be reached at 405-481-0397.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
Governor



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2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.  
SHAWNEE, OK. 74801  
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### February 2014 News...

We are in the process of updating many things at Building Blocks. Our teachers were excited to learn that we will be changing our lesson plan strategy to include themes that are more age appropriate for each age group. We are adopting a Project approach to our lesson plans. Themes will last up to one month and each week will build upon the previous. Essentially, the children will have at least 4 weeks to learn the concepts rather than having the concepts change each week. One week is simply not enough time to allow retention of the concepts or development of true interest. Using a team teaching approach, they are developing themes based on the developmental stage of their classes and the interests of the children.

We have recently updated the Parent Handbook, as well as the Supplemental Personnel Handbook for Building Blocks Employees. These were outdated and did not effectively address some of the issues we were having on a regular basis.

We had our periodic monitoring visit from DHS recently. We had zero non-compliance issues, which is great news! Our STARS review will be coming up. I am in the process of compiling all of the necessary information and creating a STARS binder to prepare for this visit. As part of our STARS requirements, our Master Teachers needed to be trained in the Early Learning Guidelines. There are 2 categories for this: Infants, Toddlers & Twos AND ages three through five. Ms. Tammy & Ms. Glenda completed the training for the younger ages, while Ms. Dakota, Ms. Liz & Ms. Savannah completed the training for the older ages. The information they learned at this training is essential for the new lesson plan format. Eventually, all other teachers will be required to obtain this training as part of their professional development.

Dates to remember:

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentines Parties for Building Blocks children @ 3:00 pm February 17<sup>th</sup>: Closed for President's Day

We are excited about our improvements!

Thank you,  
Billie Thompson, Director

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Education Department**

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive

(405) 275-4030 Toll free (800) 256-3341 Fax (405) 273-7938

[youthaward@astribe.com](mailto:youthaward@astribe.com)

Applications accepted:

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> –March 31<sup>st</sup>

Finalists announced:

May 2014

- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male)
- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Female)
- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male)
- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Female)

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (LAST)

All Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Documents to be included with application:

- Official High School Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation (Educator/Coach)
- Tribal Enrollment Card (copy)
- Resume of Accomplishments and Activities
- 500-word Essay: How do you feel your accomplishments (knowledge/training) will influence your future?
- Video (optional): no more than 10 minutes in length

**AST EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:  
BIG JIM YOUTH AWARDS APPLICATIONS**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Education Department will begin accepting applications for the following awards:

- Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)
- Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)

High school seniors of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2013/2014 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 31, 2014 by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com) under the Education Department. The \$1000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the college or university where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2013 semester.

Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school Seniors. You may nominate yourself. Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards.

Awards will be announced in May 2014.

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2013/2014 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department c/o Tresha Spoon  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
405.275.4030 Ext 121 [youthaward@astribe.com](mailto:youthaward@astribe.com)

## **FROM REALTY DEPARTMENT**

**ROBERT JEFFERSON WIMBISH  
DOB: 11/16/1952, DOD: 12/12/2009**

**WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE THE NEXT OF KIN OF ROBERT JEFFERSON WIMBISH, MR. WIMBISH DIED OWNING TRUST PROPERTY AND IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE RIGHTFUL HEIRS OF THE PROPERTY WE MUST INITIATE PROBATE PROCEEDINGS.**

**WE ARE ASKING ANYONE WHO HAS INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY OF MR. WIMBISH'S FAMILY MEMBERS TO PLEASE CONTACT:**

**JOHNNIE HAGAN, PROBATE SPECIALIST  
405-275-4030 EXT. 126**

**OR EMAIL: [JHAGAN@ASTRIBE.COM](mailto:JHAGAN@ASTRIBE.COM)**

**INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

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2025 S. GORDON  
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-mov- ing certain materials



from the municipal waste stream will de-crease the flow of solid waste to municipal land-fills. AST Recycling Pro-gram used the knowl-

edge and information about recycling markets and market demand as well as information ob-tained from various pub-lications 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 recy- clable material produced by the Tribe will be re-cycled.

### Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

The AST recycling Pro-gram 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 recy- clables will be sought.

There is a cost associ-ated with recycling, However, economic, social, and environ-mental benefits exceed these cost.

### Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

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

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents at-tached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: [www.astribes.com](http://www.astribes.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



## AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

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

### Early Bird Breakfast

**\$4.99**

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns

Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee

(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer. With coupon.

No substitutions



Check out our daily homemade lunch specials!

Something different every day!

Open 7 Days A Week!

**366-7220**



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

# VETERANS!

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDING A TRAILER FOR AN OFFICE SPACE FOR THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE VETERANS ASSOCIATION. SO IF YOU ARE A VETERAN & INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OUR MEETINGS; HERE IS A SCHEDULE FOR THIS YEAR:

MARCH 12, 2014,  
JUNE 11, 2014, SEPT. 10, 2014,  
DECEMBER 10, 2014.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THUNDERBIRD CASINO IN THE WARRIOR'S ROOM START TIME IS 7:00 PM WITH A POTLUCK MEAL SHARED

# AST Constitution Revision Committee Report

## February, 2014



The AST Constitution Revision Committee met on January 16, 2014. The CRC Members discussed completing the revised Constitution and established a timeline. We hope to have a completed revised Constitution at the Fall General Council if we complete at least one of the remaining 6 articles at each CRC monthly meeting.

We completed the article on the Bill of Rights and Amendments. Discussion was had about the revised articles that we completed and compared them to other Tribes' Constitutions. We decided our revisions were what best suit the needs of the AST.

At the next meeting we will discuss the Election Commission article which will entail the election process and the first election of the new government if the Constitution gets ratified.

The next Constitution Revision Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Little Axe Resource Center.

If anyone would like to attend the meetings and assist us with the final revisions they are more than welcome to attend. As we have always said this is the Constitution for everyone so as much in put as possible is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Eddie Brokeshoulder in the Treasurer's office or email [eddieb@astribe.com](mailto:eddieb@astribe.com). You may also email Briana Ponkilla at [briana.ponkilla@astribe.com](mailto:briana.ponkilla@astribe.com).



# Coming Soon!!!

## New Patient Portal

### Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center

Shawnee Clinic

[www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)

**FollowMyHealth™**  
Universal Health Record 

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

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

# 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.



## 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.

## 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

- 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

- 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.*

# 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**)

# KE TI QA LA MA KO NI JESUS LOVES US!

## Night of Contemporary Worship At Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church

**17020 E. Tecumseh Rd.**

**Norman, OK 73026**

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

**At 7:00 pm**

**Need A Ride? Call 405-431-8677 or 405-420-6639**

# From The Elders Corner...



The Absentee-Shawnee Elders Council held their first regular meeting of the year on Saturday, January 18th at Thunderbird casino at Little Axe. All current officers were present. They were: Dan Little Axe, Sr., President; Mary Birdtail, Vice-President; Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary and Betty Watson, Treasurer. President Little Axe called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. with a quorum of thirty-eight (38) tribal members and seven (7) guests/visitors (non-tribal) present. Others arrived during the meeting. The invocation was given by Lloyd Deere.

Those celebrating January birthdays included Gene Parker, Wynona Coon, Wanda Tiger and Stella Little. The Minutes of

November 09, 2013 were available for review and comment. After a noted correction, a motion to approve was made by Serena Daugherty and seconded by Kathy Deere. The motion carried. The Minutes of December 16, 2013 were also available for review and comment. A motion to approve was made by Meredith Wahpekeche and seconded by Mel Switch. The motion carried.

The copies of the financial report for the month of October were available for review and comment. There was a question from Meredith Wahpekeche about Mary Birdtail's name not being listed on the bank statement. It was agreed that this could be answered by the bank. The ending balance for the Elders Fund Raiser account for October was give to be \$5,600.21 and the General Fund account \$5,453.60. A motion to approve this report was made by Meredith Wahpekeche and seconded by Kathy Deere., the motion carried.

The financial report for the month of November was then reviewed by those present. The fund raiser balance was said to be \$12,479.85 and the General Fund account balance was \$8,154.13. A motion to approve this report was made by Mel Switch and seconded by June Buckner. The motion carried. The discussion on this report brought many questions on the pow wow of November 16th. Much of these centered on donations and raffle items. It was agreed that documented receipt and disbursement should be recorded on a form that could be kept current by an officer of the Council. The financial report for the month of December was reviewed next. The Fund Raiser account was stated to be \$419.25 and the General Fund account was \$732.61. A motion to approve the report was made by Emily Longman and seconded by Sadie Low. The motion carried.

Old Business: The pow wow of November 16, 2013 was discussed at length with many questions and comments. Many Council members felt a better system of receiving donations and giving away of such is needed. Ewell Longhorn suggested that an inventory be conducted to list all donations and presented at the next meeting to compare what is reported at this date. A motion to have a committee conduct the inventory was made by Meredith Wahpekeche and seconded by Emily Longman. The committee will be chaired by Donna Butler and the members will be Mary Birdtail, Sadie Low and Meredith Wahpekeche. The subject of contributions from the AST Vets also brought lengthy discussion. After many questions and comments, a motion to pay this group \$594.15 was made by Wanda Tiger and seconded by Meredith Wahpekeche. The motion carried.

New Business: The subject of the pow wow at Thunderbird casino in July was then brought up. After many comments and suggestions it was decided that this item should be tabled for action at next months meeting. A motion to that effect was made by Mel Switch and seconded by June Buckner. The motion carried, The second subject under New Business was proposed changes to Guidelines. Proposed changes were submitted by Meredith Wahpekeche and Betty Watson. These proposals will be voted on next month for approval and denial.

Election of Officers was the next item of business before the Council. The following were elected for a three (3) year term: Dan Little Axe, Sr., President; Wynona Coon, Vice-President; Mary Birdtail, Secretary and Emily Longman, Treasurer. They will assume office and duties in February. Next Meeting Date: is February 15, 2014 at the Resource Center in Little Axe. A fund raiser event of chili and/or stew dinner will be held. Bingo will be held, also.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sadie Low and seconded by Trudy Pickering. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The "Boot" donation (cash donations) collected this date was \$55.50.

If you have questions or comments contained in this summary, feel free to contact me at (405) 273-4137. This is the last of my summary of meetings for tribal members information. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as Elders Council Secretary.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Longhorn

It's Time for a Change  
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**Betty L. Watson**  
for Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Lt. Governor

**Hello, my name is Betty L. Mahardy Watson and I have filed for the office of Lt. Governor.**

I have a wide range of experience and expertise working with tribes on the national level on major issues involving economic development, financing, land into trust, land and water rights, public relations and negotiating intergovernmental agreements with various state and federal officials. In addition, I have the education and business experience as a business owner – independent oil & gas owner/operator/producer, home construction company, commercial TB race horse/breeding facility, consulting and management company. In addition,

I served as an elected official of our tribe and Tribal Administrator. During this time, assisted in the purchase of trust property and wrote the grant for the infrastructure (water and sewage lagoon) to develop the land, this is the land that the Thunderbird Casino is located! Very few people will acknowledge this but it is true, check the BIA records. In addition, developed a 5-10 year economic development plan for the tribe. I wrote a grant to do a community needs assessment identifying all tribal members living in the Little Axe and Shawnee area identifying housing needs, sanitation facility needs, water needs, educational needs from grade school to high school, income and educational levels for adult training, health needs and we were able to justify our requests for grants and secure funding based on actual statistics.

I ask you to look at the tribes around us, they have all surpassed us! Why? Because of leadership and creating wealth through economic development! We have had no economic growth over the past 30 years. We need to elect individuals based on education & business experience, someone who can create economic development opportunities for the tribe. Our tribal membership is growing, we need additional revenues to support our growing tribe by creating additional revenues.

I want to help develop those revenues so that all members of the tribe can share in the benefits, not just the ones in the local area. Many tribes provide these services and benefits for their membership no matter where they live through revenues generated from their casinos and economic development projects. We can do the same with the right leadership.

I am asking for your support and vote as the next Lt. Governor of the tribe. I would be willing to meet with you or your families and discuss ways we can make this all happen. In addition, we need to elect officers who will honor our tribal constitution, oath of office and willing to work 100% for the tribe and will serve with dignity, integrity and respect. Thank you, you may call me at 405-761-6958.



**My name is Wynona Sloat Coon, and I am a candidate for the Office of Lieutenant Governor.**

My parents were the late Henry and Eunice (Creek) Sloat. I have four children and eight grandchildren. My first employment with Tribe began in 1987 thru 1991, for Thunderbird Bingo. I returned in 1993 thru 2002, working in various departments with our Tribe and again returned in 2004. Currently, I am employed at the Little Axe Clinic as the Transportation and Community Outreach Director. Throughout my tenure with the Tribe in various departments has made it a valuable asset, thus giving me the experience, knowledge and skills to be instrumental in providing leadership qualities.

Some of the various jobs and titles held that attribute to my qualifications: Co-Administrator of Health Programs, Grant Writer, Administrative Assistant Office of the Governor, Administrative Assistant Office of the Secretary, Special Projects, Coordinator, Clothing Allowance and Burial Assistance Director, and Grants Manager. Through those positions I gained skills and knowledge of negotiating, negotiating rulemaking, Congressional hearings, and budgetary processes.

Our programs have not expanded nor enhanced in several years to meet the changing needs of the membership. We do not seem to be politically involved in the National, State or local levels to be able to keep ahead of changes that would or could affect us. We need to be pro-active and not re-active. Leadership is the key to our continued success and future to be prosperous and self sufficient for our children, grandchildren and our elderly.

During my employment I have seen our Tribe in the forefront in many different areas and now we seem to be lacking. Planning is must to know where we our going, where we want to be in five (5) years, ten (10) years. It is now important more than ever to seek other means of generating revenue, to be able to develop, expand our programs to become self sufficient for the future and be able to better serve our membership. I feel we have not made great strides in planning and it is time to get out of the status quo mode and move forward.

I am asking for your support and vote to serve as your next Lt. Governor. I believe I have the qualities to provide good leadership and working with the other members of the Executive Committee to sit down and plan for the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Wynona Coon

**DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERS:**  
MY NAME IS ISAAC PHILLIP BETTELYON. I AM RUNNING FOR LT. GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT KNOW ME, MY GRANDMOTHER WAS THE LATE CATHERINE LONGMAN MASQUAT, MY MOTHER IS LULA MAE MASQUAT BETTELYON MOST OF YOU KNOW HER AS "JOHNNIE MAE". I'VE BEEN EMPLOYED AT THE TRIBE FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. OVER THE YEARS I'VE LISTENED TO SEVERAL CONCERNS OF OUR ELDERS OF THE TRIBE ON THINGS THAT ARE AFFECTING OUR TRIBE. THAT IS WHAT REALLY ENCOURAGED ME TO RUN FOR LT. GOVERNOR IN THIS UPCOMING ELECTION. I BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR THE SAKE OF THE TRIBE. IF ELECTED I PROMISE TO WORK HARD AND REPRESENT MY TRIBE WITH HONESTY AND INTEGRITY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF BETTERMENT FOR OUR TRIBE AND MEMBERSHIP.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION,  
ISAAC PHILLIP BETTELYON  
CANDIDATE FOR: LT. GOVERNOR  
OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

**My name is Isaac Gibson Jr. and I am the Lieutenant Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. As you are aware, I have served 2 consecutive terms as Lieutenant Governor and I am seeking re-election for a third. I would like to take a moment to wish all the other candidates good luck in this year's election. I am not going to participate in any mudslinging, as I don't feel that's the proper way to represent oneself. I feel that my actions in office and response to Tribal member needs represent my dedication to serve the Tribe. Thank you for your time and support, and I look forward to visiting with you. Please remember to vote on Saturday, March 15th.**



VOTE KATHY DEERE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 15, 2014

EMAIL: shwneturtle@yahoo.com

Phone: 405-447-1247

KATHY DEERE

LT. GOVERNOR

AST membership deserves a strong leader that provides open communication, accountability, transparency, honesty, integrity, and energy to promoting initiatives that benefit the Absentee Shawnees as a whole.

*I have over 34+ years of work experience in private business, state, tribal and federal governments.*

## KATHY DEERE FOR LT. GOVERNOR

**“Six essential qualities that are the key to success: Sincerity, Personal Integrity, Humility, Courtesy, Wisdom, and Charity.”**

~Dr. William Claire Menninger

Greetings Tribal Members,

My name is Kathy Deere and I am a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. I have been serving as Treasurer for two terms and now would like to serve in the capacity of Lt. Governor. My goal is to change the way business is being conducted in the role of Lt. Governor, by improving communication to Executive Committee, Staff and with the best interest of Tribal Members. One of my greatest concerns was our last negotiation with Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs decreasing funding of compact dollars for the next ten years.

Our Tribe should be striving to be more self-sustainable, especially with the recent federal government shutdown. It didn't affect us very much but the next time it happens it may endanger jobs because a good portion of tribal jobs rely on federal funding from grants. One of my main goals is to find ways to create more jobs and to boost our tribal economy without being so reliant on federal funds. We have an economic development board and we need to support them every way possible. We are dealing with some of the most critical issues facing our tribal government such as sequestration, the Affordable care act, the land buy-back program, and we must be consistent on how we approach these issues.

Being elected to the Executive Committee is one of the greatest honors the members can bestow on an individual. We need to get back to the understanding that this is a respected and honored position. This is a vital part of tribal government and can only be accomplished if the executive committee displays the qualities of honesty, integrity, and transparency. We may not all agree or have the same viewpoints but in the end we should work together in the best interest of the tribe. If elected I will strive to accomplish this goal.

I attend all Executive Committee Meetings, General Council, and special called meetings. Also, attend various meetings with our local, state, and federal government. I vote in every election I can whether it is tribal, city, state, and federal.

My parents were Kenneth Little Axe and Estelline Washington Little Axe Littlecreek. They had five girls and one son who died as an infant and I am the eldest. I'm proud to be both Big Jim and White Turkey Bands. My mother was enrolled Eastern Shawnee and father enrolled Absentee Shawnee.

Raised in Oklahoma City, I live with my husband, Lloyd, two daughters, one granddaughter, and one grandson in Little Axe, OK. I have over 34+ years of tribal, federal and state government service. My previous employment have been with elected Absentee Shawnee Tribal Treasurer, Tinker AFB, in Ok, Indian Health Service-Oklahoma Area Office, Shawnee Service Unit and Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Ok, University of Oklahoma-College of Liberal Studies, University Hospital which is now OU Medical Center and have owned and operated direct selling products such as Mary Kay, Home Interiors, and Tupperware.

I hope to have the honor and opportunity to serve as Lt. Governor of Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. Our goals are to continually improve education, health, and services for tribal members. As I served as tribal treasurer for two (2) terms, we received a grant for Community Development Financing Institution for two products: credit builder and small business loans. For the first time in two years, we will have the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs for our tribal members. I will continue to look for ways to best serve our community. I want to continue to better serve our community and tribal members.

**VOTE FOR KATHY DEERE FOR LT. GOVERNOR  
ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY, HONESTY, AND STABILITY.**

## DEWAYNE WILSON FOR AST REPRESENTATIVE

My name is Dewayne Wilson. My Shawnee name is “Nikonibawawii”. I am running for Tribal Representative of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. My grandmother was Catherine Longman Masquat. My mother was Charlene “Chuggy” Atwell. My grandmother and mother both instilled the importance of this tribe and our culture. I am running for office to be more involved in tribal affairs and make a contribution to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I obtained an Applied Associate degree from Haskell Indian JR College in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1986. I furthered my education by obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 in Sociology/Psychology at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas and a Master of Education in 2004 from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. I became involved in Native politics while attending Haskell and was elected Student Senate President.

I began working for tribal governments in the early 1990's. I became involved in law enforcement, youth issues, alcohol/drug prevention and tribal court processes. I worked with tribal, local, state and federal governments to develop strategies and enhance community relations. I also became an advocate for Native American youths and family support.

I am running for the Office of Tribal Representative because I care about our tribe and services that should be available to our tribal members. I feel a professional work environment is needed to instill integrity, professionalism, and accountability. I believe the tribe needs to take a more active role toward economic development and sustainability, so services are enhanced and others are developed. We need to ensure the trust responsibility is upheld to receive fair and equitable treatment regarding tribal issues.

In closing, I would like to thank our past election officials and elders that have come before me, for what they have accomplished for the tribe. I would like to ask for your support on March 15, 2014, in pursuing services for our elders, children and future generations. You can contact me by email at: ndnleadhouse@yahoo.com

Respectfully,  
Dewayne Wilson

## EWELL LONGHORN FOR TREASURER

I previously served as Treasurer from 2006-2008. I learned very much during my two year term. Two years is really a short time but I am proud to point out a few accomplishments during my term:

Intervened to stop the sale of our bank that would have resulted in a loss by the Tribe of \$1.6 million.

Directed and supervised the Finance Department in bringing the Tribe's Indirect Cost Agreements with the BIA current. When I took office the Tribe was two years without a current Agreement and our federal funding agencies were threatening to stop funding our grants unless we had a current Agreement. Cut the cost of the Tribe's annual audit by almost 50%. The Tribe was paying two separate audit firms to complete the audit. I directed the Finance Department in eliminating one of the audit firms resulting in a savings of approximately \$50,000 for each annual audit.

Ahead of the big recession that began in late 2007, I saw the downturn coming and directed our investment firms to begin selling the riskier investments in the Tribe's investment portfolio. I believe large potential losses were avoided by this action.

Since I left office in 2008 I've continued working with Tribal governments as an economic development consultant and as executive director for a large tribe. I hope to serve my Tribe again as Treasurer. A few of my goals will be as follow:

Analyze our businesses (includes two casinos now and a bank) and determine why we are still unable to make per capita payments to our Elders.

Search and apply for new grant opportunities for tribal projects especially in the areas of renewable energy and farming on the Tribe's lands and those of our Tribal members.

Expand and develop training and job placement services for Tribal members especially our young Tribal members from the ages of 18 to 30 years old. Young families often need more assistance to prepare for and to find better jobs.

I am proud to say I am an Absentee Shawnee with a bachelor's degree in business, seven years experience in the banking industry and over 20 years working with tribes. I hope to receive your support and vote in the election!

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TIPLINE 405-273-1249

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

The Election Commission is advertising an opening on the Election Commission for Alternates.

If any Tribal Member is interested in serving please call the

**Election Commission office**

at (405) 275-4030 ext. 150

If no answer - leave your and name and a contact number.

## ARE YOU ABLE TO GIVE A CHILD HOPE?

Foster parents provide a temporary and safe home for children that are in a crisis situation. If you have the desire to make a difference in a child's life and you have love to give- we need you.

Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background? Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?  
Can you help a child know their cultural background, and be proud of their Native American heritage?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WHO WORK WITH CHILD WELFARE WORKERS, LAWYERS, JUDGES, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THEY ARE A BEACON OF HOPE, FOR THOSE THAT MAY HAVE GIVEN UP ON HOPE.

There are children in our tribe that are in need of a loving home and family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about opening your home to a foster child. Our children need safe, supportive environments that promote healing and love.

If you find yourself and your family interested in providing foster care, please contact: Julie Wilson, CPS/Foster Care Worker 405-878-4702 ext. 133

### A Child Like Me?

With saddened eyes and head bent low, It's damaged goods most see.  
With my unclear past and broken heart, Who would want a child like me?

I watch her walk into the room. From a distance I can see.

But dare I take a closer step? Who would want a child like me? And then I see her look my way. She smiles so tenderly.

But do I even dare to dream,

She would want a child like me? And then, as if I spoke out loud, She approaches cautiously.

I try so hard to once believe, She will want a child like me.

But dare I once let down my guard, And trust that she will see,  
Hiding beneath this old stained shirt, Is a beautiful child like me?  
My smile, they say, lights up a room. I'll be good as good can be.

Oh, please, dear God, let her want

A special child like me.

I feel her hand reach out for mine, And within her eyes I see,  
A single, tiny, shining tear. Could she want a child like me?  
And when she takes me in her arms, With a warmth so pure and new,  
She says the words I've prayed to hear, "The child I want is you"

-Written by: Lisa J Schlitt

# WE NEED YOU!!!

The Indian Child Welfare Program actively seeks Native American families to become foster parents for Native American children.

To find out how to become a foster parent for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe call 405-878-4702

## Foster & Adoptive Parents Needed!!!

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

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

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

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

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Amanda Lenora, CPS/Foster Care Worker - 405-878-4702

## ASTribe Indian Child Welfare Department FOSTER CARE

This article appears in the Daily Times in Farmington, New Mexico. And even though this talks about the foster care program and tribal children in foster care, this article can speak on behalf of what the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Foster Care and other tribes are going thru. Finding foster homes is a necessary to not only protect AST children but to also maintain their cultural identity, heritage and traditions. The Absentee is a small tribe and we should be able to work as ONE TRIBE to care for the AST children. If you have any questions, contact the ICW department at (405)275-4030.

*“Only two foster homes in San Juan County belong to American Indian families, but more than half of the 85 children in foster care now are American Indian. That means about 40 American Indian youths in the local foster system are living with non-native families. The Children, Youth and Families Department, charged with placing children in alternate homes if their own families are deemed unsafe for reasons of abuse or neglect, is having a hard time finding enough native families for the number of native children in the system.*

*The department does everything it can to match a child with a family of a similar background. That doesn't work when fewer homes than children are in the system, which means native children more often than not end up in non-native families. This is contrary to federal policy, which directs the department to make every effort to place children of American Indian descent in homes that nourish their cultural identity. But without more native families stepping up to offer a home for children, there is little the department can do to remedy this situation.*

*The Indian Child Welfare Act provides four placement options, which the department must pursue in descending order every time it places a native child. The first option is to place American Indian children with a relative who can provide a safe environment and who eventually attains a foster care license. The second option is for a child to be placed in a family from the same American Indian tribe. The third is for the child to be placed with a American Indian family not of the same tribe. The final option, and the one the CYFD most often uses, is matching native children with non-native families that simply have a foster care license.*

*This is a loss for children and for potential foster families. It's also a loss when it comes to efforts to revitalize native traditions and teach them to the children. We encourage all native families with the resources that can allow children a home to contact the Children, Youth and Families Department. Fostering a child is one of the most rewarding things a family can do.”*

In the state of Oklahoma alone, there are almost 3000 Native American children in the foster care program with a majority of these children placed in non-native placements. Now imagine if your son, daughter, grand children were placed in another home that didn't teach or understand the Absentee Shawnee traditions. What would happen to their identity, their sense of being a AST, their sense of belonging and being proud of being a Absentee Shawnee?

The AST ICW dept are in need to foster homes. Emergency homes, temporary homes, it doesn't matter. We have made it a goal to get certify at least 5 homes to be foster homes for the AST. With obtaining more every year from this point on. It takes ONE TRIBE to care for ONE CHILD. As the great Tecumseh said, “A SINGLE TWIG BREAKS BUT A BUNDLE OF TWIGS IS STRONG.”

For more information about being a foster home, please contact: Indian Child Welfare Department (405)878-4702

# HEALTHCARE OPEN ENROLLMENTS UPDATES!



General Open Enrollment: January-March 2013

This General Open Enrollment period gives Medicare recipients who missed their Initial Enrollment Period the opportunity to sign up from January 1 through March 31 each year. Your coverage will begin on July 1, 2014. **1-800-MEDICARE, www.medicare.gov.**

Inaugural Open Enrollment **EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 31, 2014**

This inaugural open enrollment period allows consumers to enroll in the Affordable Care Act. You may qualify for health plan discounts and tax credits. Native Americans can enroll and unenroll on a monthly basis. **www.healthcare.gov, 1-800-318-2596**

Your Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System Patient Benefit Advocates are available to assist with Medicare enrollment and Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace information.

For more information contact:

Connie Bottaro  
Little Axe Health Center  
405.447.0300

Liza Wilson  
Little Axe Health Center  
405.447.0300

Lela Culley  
Shawnee Clinic  
405.878.4702



## 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



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 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

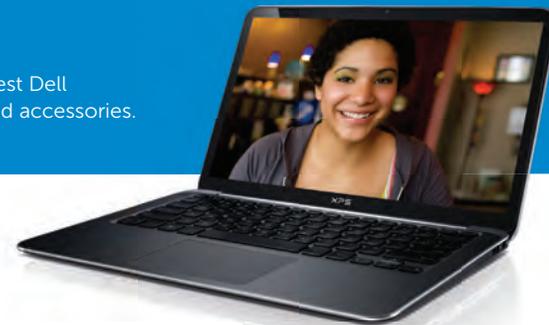


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# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE



*Respect:*

DOES YOUR BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND:

- \* HAVE A BAD AND UNPREDICTABLE TEMPER?
- \* HURT YOU, OR THREATEN TO HURT OR KILL YOU?
- \* THREATEN TO COMMIT SUICIDE IF YOU LEAVE?
- \* CONTROL WHERE YOU GO OR WHAT YOU DO?
- \* ACT EXCESSIVELY JEALOUS AND POSSESSIVE?
- \* CONSTANTLY CHECK UP ON YOU?

*Love*

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above questions, or need information regarding teen dating violence you may contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence Department at 405-273-2888 or 405-432-9657.

*ME HIM = 4EVER*



# After School Program 2013/2014

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!

- Free Tutoring in all subjects!
- Games and activities!
- Delinquency Prevention!
- Healthy Lifestyles!

And Much More!



OPEN TO GRADES K-5 for

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Everything is offered with no charge....Little Axe bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peebly Road and parents are responsible for picking students up at 6:00pm.

Duration: Starts October 7th and will run through the school year.

Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm

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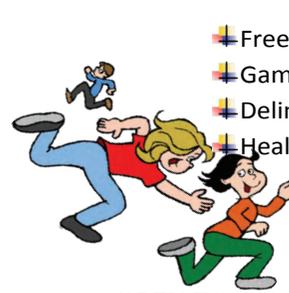


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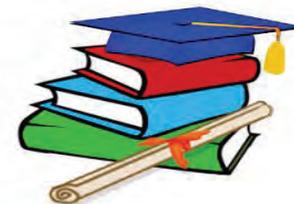
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