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TRIBAL MEMBERS: REMEMBER TO VOTE

The Run Off Election will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

The polls will be open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The voting polls will be located at the Police Department on the Tribal Complex and at the Little Axe Resource Center in Little Axe.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! JUNE 15, 2014

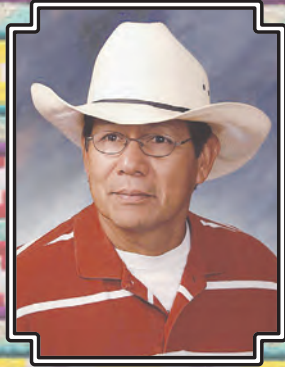


EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor



Issac Gibson
Lt. Governor



Vera M. Dawsey
Secretary



Kathy Deere
Treasurer



Jeffrey Gibson
Representative



Governor's Report

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

It looks like the weather in Oklahoma is staying unpredictable. We will need more rain if our vegetable gardens are to survive.

This month my programs have had some wonderful things happen within them. Nationally the Special Diabetes grant initiative was re-authorized through legislation and our Special Diabetes Program Initiative was renewed thanks to the work of Emily Keys. The good work continued with Linda Day getting us approved to receive funding from the Red Cross which will allow up to 92 eligible Absentee Shawnee tribal members to receive a storm shelter. In April we received notice that our long awaited for Contract Support Costs were to be fully funded. This will provide both additional services and funds to the Tribe, to the BIA programs and to our IHS funded health program as both agencies, the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will receive 2014 funds. These funds will be initially distributed based on estimated amounts and we will enter into negotiations to do settlements on the final amounts.

Upcoming Elections – Now Is The Time...

I just want to remind all of you to vote in our upcoming election on June 21st. We have our runoff election and then we have the two items that were placed on there by General Council during our April 5th meeting. These two items are the Code of Conduct & Ethics and the Salary Ordinance. As you go to vote I hope that you will look closely at each candidate and see how they have proposed to resolve our issues, their ability and actual willingness to work with others and their commitment to the Tribe. In a recent meeting held by the National Congress of American Indians they stressed the following: 'We are Nations with choices! We are Nations with voices! Get the vote out!'

Information on our upcoming tribal election is:

June 1 - Last day to request ballot

June 21 - Runoff Election

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

City, County and State election date(s) are as follows:

May 30, 2014 Last day for Voters to register

June 24, 2014 General Election

August 26, 2014 Runoff Election

City Sales Tax Issue - The Letter

The City Sales Tax issue is still ongoing but the tactic of the City of Shawnee has changed. They are now looking at isolating the Tribes and making the issue about one Tribe instead of it being about sovereignty and our trust and allotted land. This is larger than one Tribes concern – this is about us as a sovereign nation as a partner within the community and a valued stakeholder.

The City of Shawnee has indicated that if we send them a letter stating we conduct no tax generating businesses in Shawnee then they will no longer include us as a concern. We may issue a letter to this effect but we do not concede to sovereign nations being taxed on their trust land.

If you have questions about the City of Shawnee sales tax issue please

contact me at 405- 275-4030, Ext. 188. Each election that we as a people take part in can and will make a difference.

Building Blocks News...



We are still planning a car seat safety fair, but are waiting for more car seats to be available.

Therefore, it is tentatively being set for June or July. We will update you on the information as it becomes available.

We would like to welcome four new Building Blocks employees. Stephanie Geissler is an AST member and she is our new Three-year-old Teacher. Sharon Davis is our new Food Prep Assistant. She is training here in order to transfer to our Little Axe location. Amy Crider and Ricci 'Michelle' Ferguson are our new Teacher Floaters. We are very excited to have them here at Building Blocks!

Dates to Remember:

Friday, June 13: "Donuts for Dads" at 8:00 a.m. We invite the fathers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Father's Day!!

Sunday, June 15: Father's Day

The point of contact for the Building Blocks program in Shawnee is Billie Thompson at 405-878-0633.

CCDF Project News...

The CCDF Subsidy program currently has 22 children from 15 families who receive child care assistance through the subsidy portion of the CCDF grant. These children receive child care from Building Blocks as well as outside certified providers.

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

The job postings for the new Building Blocks III in Little Axe have been opened to the public. We are looking to hire approximately 15 employees by the opening of the center and more as the center's enrollment increases. We are also still accepting enrollment applications for the waiting list for our new Building Blocks III facility in Little Axe. If you are interested in child care in the Little Axe area or know of someone who is please contact Briana Ponkilla at 405-878-0633.

We will update you on any new developments to the new center as they happen. We look forward to all the developments and strides we are making at Building Blocks II and III.

Education Highlights...

The AST Youth Council met on April 26th and for the last time this school year on Saturday, May 10th. We hope to resume the Youth Council meetings in September 2014.

Our 'Muffins for Moms' event was a huge success!! All of the children enjoyed eating breakfast with their mothers. Thank you to all the moms who were able to participate. We hope that ALL of the moms had a wonderful Mother's Day!



Tresha Spoon, Director, attended the Shawnee Public School's May Board meeting to support the SPS Indian Education's Parent Committee in their aim to reinstate the program's Administrative Assistant.

On May 8th, Tresha attended the Oklahoma Council on Economic Education's Stock Market Game Student awards banquet at the Federal Reserve, OKC Branch.

Blake Goodman, Tribal Youth Program Coordinator, attended an Education Meeting at the Iowa Nation. He received information about the Iowa Nation's services that may benefit our Absentee Shawnee Tribal members.

A parent meeting was held on May 14th for the AST Johnson O'Malley families to discuss the upcoming 2014-15 program.

The Education Department in collaboration with the Notah Begay III Foundation and the AST MSPI program are hosting a Soccer Clinic at the Little Axe High School Football Field.

Please look further in the newsletter for the program flyer.

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

Emergency Management Actions...

EM Planning – Review and development of our Red Cross Memorandum of Understanding was conducted by the Attorney General to finalize and submit to Executive Committee for approval.

Attended the monthly Intertribal Emergency Management Coalition meeting hosted by the Muskogee Creek tribe. Announcement was made by the Cherokee Tribe they will be hosting several free emergency management training classes for All Hazard Incident Management Teams in June and July at the Hard Rock in Catoosa.

Chairman informed the group that the FEMA tribal liaison wanted to have representation from tribes at the Regional Interagency Steering Committee to give more voice pertaining to capabilities and preparedness. The RISC group attendees included Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas and emphasized reaching out to partners to share resources and information on what each agency has available to help in disasters.

The group finalized arrangements for the Annual ITEMC Summit being held at the Firelake Grand Convention Center next month on June 3-5. Attendees include Tribal, Federal, State, and local emergency management agencies to network and attend classes on response, preparedness, and vendors will have booths and some of the statewide agencies will have their emergency vehicles there for viewing.

Received notification on April 28 from the Red Cross that our Application for storm shelters was approved and we would be receiving \$200,000 for 80 storm shelters. Subsequently, on May 15 received a second notification that our award was increased to \$230,000 for a total of 93 shelters. Preliminary documents are being processed for signature of both parties. Notice will be given when the storm shelter program will start after policies and procedures are in place.

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

Health Topics...

The Diabetes Health and Wellness 5K run was a complete success! Thank you all for the support and turnout this year. Several medals and healthy snacks were provided along with good, clean, health fun!

A health fair sponsored by the VA will be in mid to late July, so please be on the lookout for more information!

The Employee of the Month for April 2014 was Mrs. Emily Key from the Diabetes Wellness Program. The Team of the Month for April 14 was the Pharmacy Staff (Shawnee & Little Axe).

The Leadership Award was presented to the Code-Blue Team Responders for the real-world event they professionally responded to.

We are pending the final training and site certification visit required by the VA before we are allowed by the VA to service our shared patients. We anticipate this to be completed by this coming July 2014.

A few other key bits of information:

The interactive phone menu has been updated and added to the Contract Health Services (CHS) to help patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. We are hoping this new feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care.

The AST Health System's 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. A heartfelt "thank you" to all of our wonderful patients and for the kind comments we've been getting! We will continue to improve our services and expand our product lines for the tribe and other members we service.

The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention "HOTLINE" is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorpe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others contact 911.

The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool is ready to assist you in deciding what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program's Website: <http://www.asthealth.org/aca> Please visit this site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family!

Pharmacy After Hours Process: After hours and weekends/holidays, did you know you can go to Walgreens in either Shawnee or Norman, and have a five-day limited fill on prescriptions? All you have to do is submit your prescription, identify yourself with your AST CDIB Card and other appropriate ID, and then they will fill your prescription! Upon the first workday, you can have the remaining balance of your prescriptions transferred to your pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. This is an emergency convenience for your benefit and to save the contract health dollars as well, so please be aware of this and other benefits your tribe provides you.

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

Public Safety/Law Enforcement

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

Media

The Media department continues to offer a range of printing services and ensures our newspaper, General Council book and all copying and print needs for our programs are taken care of.

If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Sherman Tiger, Media Director, at 405-598-1279. If you continue to have questions and/or concerns contact my Office at 405-275-4030, Ext. 188.

Thunderbird Entertainment Center 2013 Audit

Since taking my oath of Office and becoming your Governor on June 21, 2013 at 5:01 pm I have made it my priority to keep you, my tribal people, informed about the business of the Tribe.

On April 29, 2014 I had a meeting with the auditor from the Bledsoe and Assoc., PLLC, and the findings in the 2013 Casino Audit are troubling. We, as elected officials, should be concerned about what is taking place within our management and accounting processes at the Thunderbird Casino. It saddens me that there are a number of repeat occurrences and some of our elected officials who have been in office for some time and should have been aware of these only seem interested in preserving the status quo, instead of fixing the problems.

Thunderbird Entertainment Center (TEC) Board

Let's start at the top – the TEC Board. The auditor found the structure of the TEC board to be of grave concern to the Tribe. Based on the TEC Board's by-laws there should be three (3) board members on the Board, currently, only two Board members show up regularly to the meetings. The General Manager was appointed to the Board by the past Governor and serves as a voting member of the Board at the same time he serves as General Manager. The audit calls this a recurring concern requiring a change due to conflict of interest concerns. The other Board member owns a marketing company that does business with the Tribe's Casinos to the tune of a million dollars a year – another conflict of interest concern of the auditors.

Some Areas that the Casino Overpaid

Let's now discuss some of the other problem areas the auditors called to our attention. One area is the buy/out at the Shawnee Casino with the Development Company. Casino officials apparently relied on the calculations of the former company to determine how much to pay to buy the company out. According to the audit, the Tribe overpaid the company \$138,800. Auditors recommended to both the General Manager and the TEC Board to scrutinize payments involving significant amounts or complex calculations more closely. It was recommended to the General Manager and the TEC Board of Directors to review the Development Company and to have discussions to try to recover the overpayment. To this day, we have not been advised whether anything has been done by TEC to correct this.

Another area of overpayment is the State of Oklahoma Compact Fees. The Casino's accounting and revenue audit personnel do not routinely reconcile gaming revenues from compacted games, as reported on the monthly state fee calculation reports, to revenue from compacted games as reported in the Aristocrat Oasis gaming system or the general ledger accounting system. Reconciling of accounts is a standard fiscal management practice. This must occur for accountability of our funds.

Check Signing

Some years back, the Casino made the human resources employees authorized check signers to achieve a more appropriate segregation of duties as these employees are not involved in the cash and accounting functions of the Casino. Our casino HR staff is currently responsible for determining the propriety of payments for which they are signing checks. This is a BIG conflict of interest because the Casino's human resource employees are potentially put in the position of having to question transactions that were approved by individuals who may be their direct line supervisors. Why are the two Casino Human Resource employees signing checks under these circumstances?

Debit Card Transactions

There is minimal supporting documentation related to the review and approval of the Casino's debit card transactions made during the year of 2013. To the present date the Casino's accounting department personnel do not have access to the Casino's debit cards and based on their job descriptions are responsible for reviewing and reconciling the bank accounts. This is another BIG conflict of interest as this potentially puts accounting personnel in a bad position of having to question transactions that were made by individuals who may be their immediate supervisors.

The General Manager has a Casino debit card he uses regularly on a variety of transactions. One other debit card is held by the human resource department and is limited to Casino purchases. The auditors recommend against the use of debit cards by Casino management because tracking and auditing those transactions are difficult.

Agreement

The auditor also expressed concern about an agreement made with a vendor on fifty six (56) WMS Class III gaming machines that the Casino owned. The Casino subleased the gaming machines then the vendor subleased the games back to the Casino. Part of this agreement was the vendor had agreed to make a one-time payment of \$100,000 to the Casino and then assume responsibility for the cost of any replacement parts needed for the 56 machines. In exchange, our Casino is required to pay this vendor 60 monthly payments equal to 20% of the monthly net win generated from the 56 machines. This could amount to nearly \$2 million in payments over the five year period.

In addition to the big difference between the vendors investment and payments to be received, this contract has raised some other red flags: the vendor is unknown within the gaming industry and admittedly lacks any experience; and, there was no need for such a lopsided arrangement in exchange for \$100,000 when the Casino reportedly has an untapped \$1 million dollar line of credit.

Check Cashing

It now appears there were numerous old and slow-paying accounts receivable balances at the end of 2013. Some of these balances resulted from checks being cashed at the cage after the check cashing verification software was overridden. In the past years there was a mild concern. In the 2013 audit, it became a problem and the biggest abuse involved an employee of the Casino being allowed to repeatedly cash personal checks who had insufficient funds in their account. The Casino lost money due to this employee and the accounting process. We need to make people who know about these transactions accountable for the Tribes loss of revenue. This was an ongoing practice allowed for this employee. Key personnel within the Casino knew about this issue. As-to-date, its unknown what the amount of funds are that we have lost due to this poor management practice.

Additionally, the Casino had a large amount of money due from the Money Centers of America, the company responsible for the check cashing verification. As of March 2014, this company has filed chapter 11 Bankruptcy with the TEC, Inc. still being owed about \$71,000. Normally gaming facilities are repaid by financial transaction processing companies within a very short period of time, but these balances were allowed to remain outstanding for many months.

ASEDA Enterprises, Inc.

The Casino's human resource department has been tasked with the ASEDA Enterprise human resource function yet there is no formal arrangement in place. ASEDA is a wholly owned subsidiary and component unit of the Tribe, and is therefore a related-party of the Casino. To this day there is no formal agreement in place detailing payment or dates of payment to be paid to the Casino. The Casino human resource department should be focused on gaming

and not be farmed out to other business at all, much less for free.

In closing, the Tribe will need to make some serious decisions and make some clear, concise demands of the Casino, the management staff and the TEC, Inc. board if we want to address the audit concerns and move this Tribe forward. These decisions will not make everyone happy. But right is right and wrong is wrong. This is our business, our future and our children's future and we need to take the necessary steps forward and stop moving backwards. It appears that in our past General Council meeting the reports provided by our casino show we are making a profit and I am sure we are. But the real question is who is the profit going to and how much more could there be if we stopped questionable transactions and made better decisions. We need qualified people to run the casino from the maintenance department throughout the Casino and if that means putting a management company in place then that should be an option we need to consider. I hope this report will serve as a wake-up call for all of us and that you will support me in making the changes necessary to fix the problems the auditor discovered.

I have 12 months to go and it is my hope that our elected body will work together to move the Tribe forward so that we can enhance our programs to offer additional benefits and services to you and that our joint work efforts will ensure our businesses operate effectively and efficiently.

As you may recall I advised you prior to coming into Office that my goal is to take care of the concerns you, my people, have stated need resolved and that is what I am doing. It is my further goal to continue to make positive changes now and for our future.

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

Thank you for your support.



Lt. Governor's Report

I hope this newsletter reaches everyone in good spirits and health. Our three ceremonial grounds had their Bread Dances over the past couple of weeks. I hope those who participated and able to attend had a good time. Our ceremonies have been going for hundreds of years and continue to be important to us. We are fortunate to be able to continue our way of life.

I want to take this opportunity to address the proposed referendum over the "Code of Conduct and Ethics" and "Executive Committee Salary Issue". I believe there is a problem with the manner in which these have been placed on the ballot. It is my understanding a General Council Resolution, which includes ballot language of the question at hand, must be passed at a General Council meeting before sending the question to referendum. A "motion" from the floor of the General Council meeting is only an expression and not an action of legislation. Our constitution is clear, there are two forms of tribal legislation, a resolution and ordinance. I do not recall any resolution being presented for these issues at the April General Council meeting, but I do recall a request from the floor to discuss these two items at Community Meeting. As I have stated before, I am not opposed to a code of ethics, but more discussion should have taken place before the Executive Committee was asked to vote on the code earlier this year. Several months after last year's tornado, the tribe was contacted by KaBoom Corp. to construct a playground in or near the tornado affected area in Little Axe. This company is a community oriented company and has worked with communities across the United States, building playgrounds in devastated areas. KaBoom prides itself in bringing communities together after disasters such as tornados. The site of the new playground will be located at Brendle Corner. KaBoom provides the playground equipment and oversees the construction process. Volunteers from the Community will work to construct the playground. Volunteers working on the playground are not just tribal members, but from the community. The playground is for the whole community to benefit.

Since spring has arrived and we are now headed into summer, our Cattle Program has grown with newborn calves throughout the winter and spring. We will be working the cattle to determine which will be sold or kept to produce new calves. The price of beef and other foods have increased over the winter, so those cattle we choose to sell will continue to keep our Cattle Program self-sustaining.

This year we planted corn, watermelon, and Indian pumpkin on our 10 acre garden. A couple of years ago we planted 10 acres of Indian corn for all tribal members to use for feasts, ceremonies, and other uses. This corn is one of the most important parts of our culture and has been planted by various tribal member families for many, many years. I felt it was important for the tribe to help shoulder the concern of having corn for our ceremonies and feasts. The corn tribal families have planted from generation to generation has come from the days of when we were in Ohio.



Treasurer's Report

Dear Tribal Member's,
Election Day is Saturday, June 21, 2014. Please exercise your rights as tribal members to vote. Your vote will make the difference in the direction the Absentee Shawnee Tribal progress in the new future.

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

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

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

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

• **Elder's Council Monthly meetings** are held every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center, Title VI Bldg, or Thunderbird Casino, 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join us for fellowship, food, and fun times together. Discussions included the upcoming Thunderbird Casino/Elders' Pow Wow on July 4th, 5th, and 6th, upcoming cultural activity in Tema, Iowa in August. The NEW officers are Dan Little Axe, President, Wynona Coon, Vice President, Mary Birdtail, Secretary, and Emily Longman Treasurer. If you would like more information about the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, please call Mary Birdtail, 405-386-7851.

• **Internal Revenue Service, AST Vita (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).** AST Vita service for free tax preparation for tribal members has come and gone. We appreciated all of our volunteers who took the time to assist our tribal members with their taxes this year. Volunteers were: Eddie Brokeshoulder, Mark Rogers, Belinda Collins, Brenda Claw, Genevieve Foster, Stella Little, Jennifer Crenshaw, Jessica Gonzales, David Deer, Tresha Spoon, Leah Bettelyoun, Arlene Herrera, and myself. MIS Director, Rico Coon, Josh Gibson, Michael Berry, and Nishant Shrestha were instrumentals in getting our phone line, computers, printers, and copier set up to do the Free Tax program and we appreciate their expertise. Our totals were 53 taxes prepared, \$12,660.00 saved by using AST, and total refunds received using AST was \$53,878.00. Many thanks to all these volunteers who prepared the taxes, quality reviewed and were greeters/scanners. We could not have done it without you all!

• **Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC):** Next meeting for the CRC (TBA) to be announced. The CRC is getting closer to finishing the constitutional revisions, now they are waiting on the Election Commission and their input and they should be able to put it to referendum vote in the very near future. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, 405-275-4030 Ext.148, or contact Briana Ponkilla, her email address: brianaponkills@yahoo.com.

• **Referendum Questions:** Please cast your vote on these two (2) questions concerning implementation for elected officials on Code of Conduct and Ethics and Tiered Salary Chart Proposal.

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 Brokeshoulder, 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.

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

Respectfully,
Kathy Deere, Tribal Treasurer

"No moral system can rest solely on authority."

- A.J. Ayer



Representative's Report

Tribal Members,
I hope everyone is enjoying this warmer weather just as much as I am. It is the perfect time to get outside with loved ones and continue to be active outdoors. I encourage everyone to stay healthy, fit and physical. Spend as much time with your loved ones as possible.

My deepest condolences go out to the families who have lost loved ones. Recently I attended the Self Governance Conference in Washington D.C. in early May. I had the pleasure to meet with Max Tahsuda and Admiral Kevin Meeks on an issue related to Indian Health Services pertaining to moving Indian Health Service funds to a program that doesn't pertain to health according to our meeting in Washington D.C. it was highly recommended that the Funds not be moved and now at this time Treasurer Deere has sent an email to Area Director of IHS Max Tahsuda and we are waiting patiently for a return email from the respected Gentleman from I.H.S.

Also while in Washington D.C., I had the opportunity to speak with Kevin Washburn about the Land into Trust issue with the Citizen Pottawatomie Nation and was recommended to send emails of the previous meeting the Lieutenant Governor and I had with the previous Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk and we are excited to get this meeting established for the right direction and the improvement of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma...also on the Agenda was General session discussing the ICWA Post Baby Veronica that the Secretary Dawsey, Secretary's Assistant Bridgette Wilson and I attended and it was very valuable in information in future cases. I would like to say Congratulations to all the graduates this 2014 school year and also I would like to say Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating birthdays.

No report submitted from Secretary Dawsey.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MAY 21, 2014

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-14-22 05/21/14

Approves and accepts Suzy Diane Harris, Chayton Baeze Pitchford, Braylon Angus Hicks, Belicia Shannon Rios, Marcus Jerome Malone, Catrina Jay Blanchard, Zachary Layne Downey, Tyler Preston Downey, Riley Rain Hackbarth, Sakyra Maria Jackson, Thaddues Ruben Jackson, Wasalee Raine Tyner, Elijah Michael Bell, Sarah Elisabeth Bell, Caleb Walker Bell and Stacy Lee Edwards as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-14-03 05/21/14

Approves and authorizes an additional investment named "Eaton Vance Government Obligations Fund" to its portfolio and does hereby approve and authorize the additional investment with the firm of Linsco Private Ledger in the sum of Eight Million Dollars and No Cents (\$8,000,000.00) of Health Compact Funds and has a One Million Dollar and No Cents (\$1,000,000.000) minimum investment and yields at 4.46% interest with interest being paid to Absentee Shawnee Tribe General Fund.



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Each office is independently owned and operated

Finance Department Report

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
JUNE 2014
(Article Written 5/16/2014)

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

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

We are under Audit for 2013 for all of the Tribe's entities [Casinos; Store; Restaurant; Smoke Shop's; ASEDA, Inc.; ASEDA, Enterprises; ASTHA & LSWN which makes up Absentee Health Systems; and the Tribal Government.] Auditors arrived on sight April 2, 2014 for the Tribe's audit. All of the tribe's entities must be audited first and then they are combined with the Tribe's Governmental Audit. We are approximately 50% complete with the audit and hope to have it completed by mid June.

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 April 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

Financial Consultant's Report

Hello Tribal Members,

The Office of Treasurer continues to manage and provide sound financial reporting and in keeping with fiduciary responsibilities of improving the financial status of the Tribe.

I have been involved in review and participated in the following financial consultant activities:

Financial Reporting: Reviewed and analyzed Office of Treasurer monthly General Fund and Indirect Cost encumbrance budget reports. CY 2014 Funding Agreement: Reviewed financial amendment from Oklahoma City Area Indian Health office to our health programs annual funding agreement (AFA).

2013 Thunderbird Entertainment Center (TEC): Reviewed and analyzed draft of Thunderbird Entertainment Center (TEC) recent audit. ALLNATONS BANCORPORATION: Reviewed comparative analysis of the bank for the past five years and Full Daily Statement of Condition ending December 31, 2013.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA): Attended monthly ASEDA board meeting to discuss future business opportunities. such as the feasibility development of a Little Axe Rural Water District.

- Little Axe Rural Water District: ASEDA is currently mailing out information to Little Axe residents on "TEN GOOD REASONS FOR SIGNING UP WITH THE LITTLE AXE RURAL WATER DISTRICT" with interest survey attached.

- Native2Native Tire, LLC: The only Native-Owned National Tire Distributor in the country owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe is interested in a business venture located in Tecumseh, Oklahoma with ASEDA.

The ASEDA board members include: President Dan Little Axe, Vice-President Adam Proctor and Secretary Eddie Brokeshoulder. If you need more information or have a question please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



SPECIALITY CROPS

Specialty Crops: Attended a free Specialty Crops workshop sponsored by USDA, Oklahoma State Extension and Oklahoma Agriculture Food and Forestry division in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Attendees received information on risk management for specialty crops, cover crop and pest management, no-till vegetables, managing drip irrigation and good agriculture practices.

USDA OK/TX Economic Development Workshop: Attended a free one-day workshop sponsored by USDA Rural Development. Attendees received information on leveraging USDA Grants and Loans for Economic Development with a focus on Telemedicine, Distant Learning, and Broadband Access.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CDFI)

Developing a High-Performance Board: Participated in a free webinar with a focus on increasing the engagement of your board of directors with practical tips and techniques from two Native CDFIs that are building their board of directors sponsored by First Nations Oweesta Corporation. The High-Performance Board presenters were Kristi Bias-Diaz, Senior Advisor of Programs for First Nations Oweesta Corporation and Julie Burnett, Executive Director of Chehalis Loan Fund. Kristi is currently assisting our CDFI efforts in developing our board of directors and our program that will serve our tribal members and community. If you would like more information please contact steering committee member Eddie Brokeshoulder at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

In closing, the Office of Treasurer Deere will continue be a voice for each of you as tribal members in efforts of improving our Tribe for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Respectfully,
Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant

CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

The AST Cultural Preservation Department would like to pass along the following information concerning updates to each of our programs. In order to show our changes to the Tribal Membership and Employees, we have scheduled an "Open House" on Wednesday June 18th, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Booths will be on display and personnel will provide Program explanation and light refreshments.

Cultural Preservation

We apologize for not scheduling any Cultural Skills classes during the month of May. With all the celebrations going on, we wanted to be considerate and not interrupt anyone's family events. I love this time of year because everyone has children graduating or completing milestones.

Our Department assisted with collecting and distributing Rations for the Spring Bread Dance ceremonies at both Grounds. For some of the Staff, this was their first opportunity to be involved and assist behind the scenes. It is my sincere hope that each of you received a Blessing from participating in these activities.

For those interested, our next Skills Class will be Saturday, June 21st at the Title VI Building. As usual, lunch and snacks will be provided. You will want to sign up early as spots are limited and have been filling up very quickly.

If you have questions about the skills classes or would like to lead a demonstration, please call Joseph at Ext. 302, 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.

Since the last publication, we have conducted interviews for the Library Technician/ Archivist position. The interviews are complete and Mrs. Sophia Thurman joined our Team and began employment on March 24th as the Library Tech/ Gift Shop Assistant. Please read her Introduction and "Employee Biography" found elsewhere in this newsletter, along with our other newest Team Members.

The Library program will be completely operational once again and services will be restored shortly. If you have any questions, please call Sophia at ext. 307 or send an email to sthurman@astribe.com

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop continues to make progress in sales and new inventory. At the time of this submission, we have started to receive our Summer orders from Pendleton and our other vendors. These include: Backpacks, Wind Breaker Jackets, and Water Bottles. And just in time for Father's Day, a new selection of Polo Shirts and Hats. 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. For inquiries, call Esther at ext. 307, or by email at elowden@astribe.com.

THPO

Our THPO program continues to make great strides and advancements. Staff, myself and Rep. Jeff Gibson attended the "To Bridge a Gap" (TBAG) Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. Our Ladies were able to network and meet some of the folks they interact with from the Federal Agencies. Likewise, Rep. Gibson was able to see exactly what it is our program does daily and how imperative it is to exercise our Tribal Sovereignty. In conjunction with the National Forest Service, we hosted a Heritage Resource Technician (HRT) Paraprofessional training, April 14-23. We were able to qualify 7 Tribal Members and Staff, who passed and completed the requirements for Certification. These classes are necessary for individuals to be eligible for employment within our program or to contract out for services.

Also, I'd like to remind Tribal Members that Field Trips are scheduled for later this year. As part of the selection process, it is REQUIRED that each person have attended and participated in a minimum number of Cultural Preservation sponsored events throughout the year. For those interested, here is the list of locations and proposed time frame of when these will occur.

3rd or 4th week of July – Visit the Hopewell Mounds Cultural Center in Chillicothe, Ohio

2nd Weekend of August – Attend the 100th Annual Meskwaki Powwow in Tama, Iowa

3rd Weekend of September – Participate in the Living Archaeology Weekend in Winchester, Kentucky

To inquire about your eligibility to attend, please call Carol at Ext. 303 or send an email to carol.butler@astribe.com

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 Tribal community. Thank you for your time.

Joseph H. Blanchard

Cultural Preservation Director/

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

joseph.blanchard@astribe.com

(405) 275-4030 Ext. 302



My name is Colleen Longhorn-Butler and my position is the THPO Accounts Payable/ Receivable clerk. I am Absentee Shawnee and Sac & Fox Nation.

I have been married for fourteen years to my husband, Zachary Linn Butler Sr. We have four wonderful children, Matthew, Brandon, Breanna, and Zachary Butler Jr. My father was the late Bruce H. Longhorn and my mother is Pam McClellan. My paternal grandparents were the late Wayne and Lucille Longhorn.

I started my education at Stillwater at the Oklahoma State University and completed my education later as a mother with four kids. I earned my Bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix in Business management. I have several years experience as a business office manager. I recently transferred my family to the Shawnee area and started working for the tribe as a TERO applicant. I became a full time employee as the operator for the Complex for a year and recently transferred to the Culture Preservation department. My objective is to implement the knowledge I have learned in business management to deliver optimum performance to the position. I am hard working and work well with others and I am going to do my best for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in this position.



My name is Sophia Thurman and I am the new Library and Archives Tech, I will also be assisting in the Gift Shop.

I am very excited to be a part of the Absentee Shawnee Cultural Preservation team! I am originally from Arizona but I have been a resident of Shawnee for 14 years. I am Dine' (Navajo) and my husband Marty Thurman, and our three children are Absentee Shawnee descendants. As a family, we love to participate in cultural celebrations, both traditional and contemporary. We also enjoy attending sporting events and rodeos.

I am currently entering my Senior year as an Undergraduate student at the University of Central Oklahoma, majoring in History-Museum Studies with a minor in Art History. I have a deep respect for all Indigenous cultures

and I am an advocate for decolonizing what is taught in classrooms about Native culture. Utilizing our resources as a community and working together, we can protect and preserve our tribal ways of life and language for our families and future generations. I look forward to helping the AST community in any way I can.

Feel free to stop by the Library, we have an excellent selection of books pertaining to Native American and Absentee Shawnee Tribal history and the Archives may be accessed by appointment. The gift shop is also conveniently located in the same building and we have something for everyone!



Joy Moldenhauer has joined the Cultural Preservation Dept. as the Receptionist and is pleased to help the department develop a successful cultural program for the AST. Her tribal affiliation is with the White Mountain Apache and Navajo nations of Arizona where she was born and raised. She attended The University of Arizona graduating with a B.S. in Family & Consumer Resources. Along with her husband, Chad, of 21 years and their 2 children, Joy continues her passion for music.

Having started with the piano and flute at age 5, her musical ability blossomed to include the guitar, other woodwinds and her vocals. Her talents have led her into many kinds of venues beginning with a top-ranked high school marching band, community symphony, gigs with both secular and contemporary Christian artists, studio work and over 25 years of music ministry among the Native nations in the Southwest and Canada. Not only performing music, Joy has also enjoyed teaching music to students of all ages since 1982. Presently, Joy continues composing, song writing and performing along with her family.

GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

STUART ROLETTE



These two young men took on the role of working as dual coordinators for the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program. Since taking this project on they have shown commitment and dedication to continuing the work I started four years ago, as of this summer. They have done, and continue to do, a great job in making sure the program runs smoothly.

RANDALL WATSON



Stuart came to work in 2012 and this will be his third year working with the program. He plans to continue his education at Rose State College.

Randall has been working in the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program since it began four years ago. He is in his sophomore year at Rose State College in Midwest City.

Thank you, Stuart and Randall, for all your hard work!

Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!

GOVERNORS SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

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

Music Student Spot Light June 2014

The Absentee Shawnee Family Music Program

Vernice Conghorn

This young lady is becoming an awesome piano player. Each week Vernice comes to her piano class with a big smile and ready to learn another piece of music. We're proud of all the adults in the music classes they all love and enjoy the music and fun of learning to play piano, guitar, bass or drums.

Come in and sign up for some real fun and enjoyment.

Just bring yourself and a want to learn to play. We have all the instruments and we can get you playing in a short time. So be like Vernice and start learning to play the piano or one of the other instruments we teach.



FREE music lessons from Monday through Friday • 9:00 until 5:00 • Call 405-370-5576

Phil Bradley, Music Instructor

ASHLEY BROKESHOULDER

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY 2014 GRADUATE

CONGRATULATIONS!



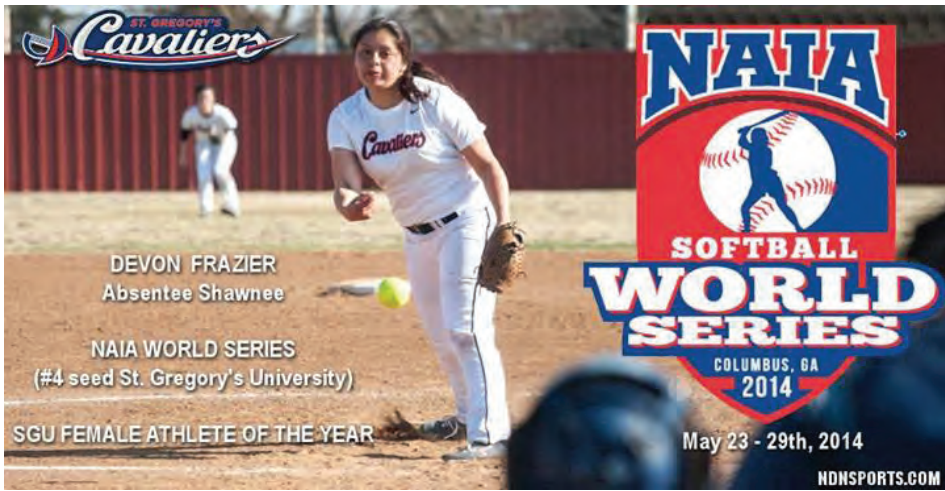
ASHLEY BROKESHOULDER, THE DAUGHTER OF EDDIE BROKESHOULDER, AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE TRIBE, WISH TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT IN HELPING HER ATTAIN A DEGREE IN NUTRITION FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS. A BIG THANK YOU IS OFFERED TO OUR TRIBAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND STAFF MEMBERS, TRESHA SPOON, DIRECTOR AND MARGARET ELLIS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WHO ASSISTED WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY.

ASHLEY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR FUTURE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE DREAMS AND GOALS AND

ARE WILLING TO WORK HARD AND ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS. ASHLEY NAVIGATED HER WAY TO HER VISION THROUGH DETERMINATION AND FORTITUDE WITH FAMILY AND TRIBAL SUPPORT.

DEVON FRAZIER

Congratulations on making 2014 All American Team!!



AND...

Congratulations on Graduating from St. Gregory's University!
I am so proud of you!
Love, Mom

IOWA TRIBE EAGLE RELEASE



L to R:
 Sac and Fox Second Chief Gregory, Absentee Shawnee Governor Butler-Wolfe, Adam Beach, Iowa Tribe Secretary Tayan, Iowa Tribal Treasurer Switch



Governor Butler-Wolfe with AST member Whitney Warrior



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Certificate of Appreciation

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Absentee Shawnee Tribe

In recognition and appreciation of outstanding effort, dedication and personal contributions in building stronger workplaces and communities throughout this great Nation.

Karen E. Durand



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The Absentee Shawnee Tribe received the Community Service Leadership Certificate of Appreciation by the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication (SPEC). This was received for our Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (Vita) Program we did for AST members.



BUZZED DRIVING IS...



DRUNK DRIVING

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES SPF-PROGRAM

405.701.7987

To my Great Pawpa:

Happy
Father's
Day

Love you,
Aiyden

Happy
Father's
Day

To Our Pop & PawPaw
Marvin Smith
We love you!
Jordan, Ryder Cash & Baby
Landyn

Congratulations
Mary Ann Jackson

on receiving the

President's Award For Educational Excellence

From, Mom, Sister & Grandma

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or send us an e-mail to stiger@astribe.com

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE ARE
DUE BY THE 20th OF THE CURRENT MONTH**

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



Absentee Shawnee Tribal Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nursing is the outreach of Holistic care for the Absentee Shawnee tribal members, as well as the Native American Population. The public health nursing dept has been working hard towards meeting the goals of getting the dept up and running. Our focus is to provide holistic care (the whole patient), for our patients and family, as their needs arise with various resources available. We want to recognize the caregiver, a very special person, who has taken on the roll to provide care for the loved one. One of our goals is to assist the family with resources that will give the caregiver time to themselves occasionally.

Public Health Nursing has received many referrals from physicians and staff, as well as calls from family members. In the short time we have been here, we have assisted the physicians with 2 wound care patients in the office. We have assisted numerous patients in their homes with their medication planners, safety in medications, safety in the home and assistance with referrals to home health. Our purpose is to assist with care, resources and education that will assist patients with daily living activities while remaining safe in their own homes.

Our dept is also diligently working on the Employee Health Program. Many hours have gone into researching all the rules and regulations associated with employee health. We are well on our way to becoming fully compliant with OSHA guidelines. We have a two-fold goal for this program, the first is to insure the employees are protected from any preventable disease or injury. This in turn helps us to meet our second goal, to protect our patients from preventable disease.

Gloria K Seeley BSN, RN, and Kristie Mcguire RN, are both full time Public Health Nurses based at the Little Axe Health Center. We are both very happy to be a part of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System and look forward to providing holistic care to our patients and families. If you have any questions or have a need, please call 405-447-0300 and ask for the Public Health Nursing Department.

Safe Events For Families

Proudly Presents

SHAWNEE TRAIL DAYS

June 20, 21 & 22

Downtown Shawnee

Oklahoma Showcase
Featuring Live Music Art & Wine

Re-Enactment Center

Shawnee Trail Days - Pow-Wow

- 1 PM Central Oklahoma Plains Indian Dancers
 - a. Intertribal/ Social Dance 3.5 min
 - b. Northern Traditional Demonstartion 4 min
 - c. Southern Buckskin Dance and Southern Cloth Dance Demonstration 5 min
 - d. Round Dance/ Social Dance Demonstration 3.5 min
 - e. Jingle Dance Demonstration 4 min
 - f. Southern Straight Dance Demonstration 4 min
 - g. Snake and Buffalo Dance Demonstration 5 min
 - h. Fancy Shawl Dancer Demonstration 4 min
 - i. Fancy Dancer Demonstration 4 min
 - j. Intertribal/ Social Dance 3.5 min
 - k. Closing

2 PM Central Oklahoma Plains Indian Dancers

3 PM Central Oklahoma Plains Indian Dancers

Last Show 4 PM Central Oklahoma Plains Indian Dancers

7 Dancers

1 Master Ceremonies to explain each category of dancers, songs and keeping schedule flowing.

4 Singers for demonstrating songs and specialty songs.

Eastman Switch - 405-436-0424

SHAWNEE TRAIL DAYS - STOMP DANCE

June 20, 2014

6:00 PM until 7:30 or 8:00 PM

Stomp Dance Group will consist of

10 people including one narrator

Scott Miller 405-275-4030 ext. 205

Cornbread & Cobbler Cooking Contests

Games & Inflatables

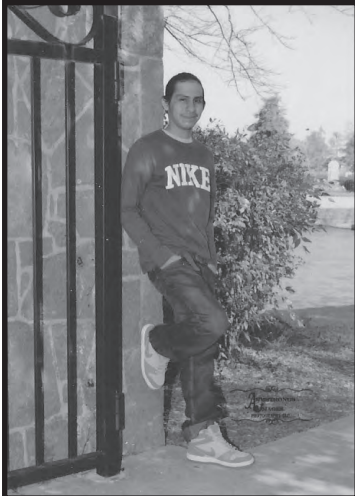
Storytelling

Community Picnic

Photography Contest

Community Church Service





Congratulations Ryan!!

You did it!

We are proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



Ryan Mack Chosen For The Under Armor National League Team

Ryan Dale Mack is an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member and descendants of the Creek/Seminole. He is a Senior at Butner High School which is located in Cromwell, Oklahoma. Where he has played high school baseball for 4 years as a starting pitcher, 3rd baseman, shortstop and 2nd baseman and also in the outfield. From his Sophomore year to now, playing third base and pitching has lead him to getting Defensive Player of the Year honors and getting named All-Conference his Junior year. He has also played basketball for 3 years.

Ryan was recently selected to play for the Under Armor National League Team. He was nominated by his high school baseball coach, Coach Lundich, to attend a Under Armor Baseball Factory National Tryout & Premium Video Program that was held in Jenks, OK on Sunday, December 15, 2013. There Ryan was selected out of a number of other players there from across the state and a few from out of state, to play in the Omaha National World Series to be held in Omaha, Nebraska in June of 2014 during the NCAA College World Series that will be televised.

Ryan's goals are to finish high school, play baseball at a two year college and then would like to transfer to a four year college to play Division 2 baseball, and then graduate with a Major in Business.

Ryan's parents are Chris & Thomas Mack Sr.; maternal grandparents are Jamima Primeaux and the late Daniel Simmer Sr.; Paternal grandparents are Alice Mack and Dewayne Mack.



Job Opportunities

Building Blocks -Little Axe

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

Little Axe Health Clinic

- Outpatient Counselor
- Clinician-LADC

Gaming Comm. -Little Axe

- Surveillance Operator

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Human Resource Department

2025 Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

(405) 275-1468

For More Information Visit:
www.astribe.com/employment

American Indians Alaska Natives Native Hawaiians

NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

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

For more information about services or events, please contact:



AST Caregiver Grant & Injury Prevention Grant would like to congratulate our 2014 Spring Challenge Winners who competed in our 5 week Walking Program!

2014 Elder's Spring Challenge

Elders 55 and older completed our 5 Week Walking Group and earn points for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Participants of all ages also received a gift bag with great prizes!

• 1st place \$75- Mary Lou Drywater



• 2nd place \$50 - Darrell Longhorn



• 3rd place \$25 - Nova Hood



Thank you to all the participants!

Contact Rosie Tallbear Injury Prevention @ 405-701-7601 or Sharon Ponkilla LPN Caregiver Grant @ 405-701-7630 for more information

Women's Health

Services provided at Shawnee Clinic
405.878.4702
Schedule an appointment

Little Axe Health Center
Women's Health Services
Located in the Primary Health Care

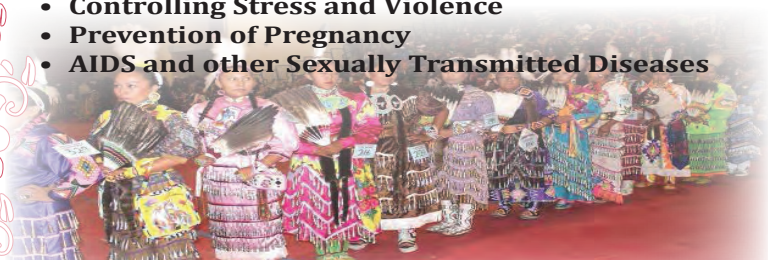
Providing & Promoting Preventative Health for All Women

Services include:

- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

Information about:

- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases



Women's Health Services
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Register Now!!!
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New Patient Portal
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center
Shawnee Clinic



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

Visit your app store and install the Follow My Health app



for real-time access to your health information

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

June 2014 Birthdays

AGUIRRE PEREZ JR, JOSE RICARDO
 ANDERSON, JEFFERY EUGENE
 ANDERSON, MICAH RASHAWN
 ARMS, EVA NIKKOLE
 ARMSTRONG, BOBBY JOE
 ATABAIGT, VICTOR ARMAN
 ATCHICO, KEVIN TODD
 ATWOOD, DALANA ANN
 BATES, DARWIN LEE
 BATES, EDWIN GALE
 BATES, HORACE RAY
 BATES, LEAH DAPHNE ANN
 BEACH, MADISON SUE
 BEAR #509765, WALLY EUGENE
 BELL, PATSY MARIE ROLETTE
 BELL, SARAH ELISABETH
 BETTELYOUN, LESTER JOHN
 BIGPOND, MICHAEL RAY
 BLACKBURN, BRITTNEY RENEE
 BLACKBURN, NICOLE ANN
 BLACKBURN, REBA GAYLE
 BLANCHARD, CATRINA JAY
 BLANCHARD, FRANCES MAY
 BLANCHARD, JOSHUA DARAND
 BLANCHARD, LINDA SUE
 BLANCHARD, MARK LEROY
 BLANCHARD, RYAN LEE
 BLANCHARD, TRINITY MORGAN
 BLUEWATER, MARTY
 BOWMAN, LOURIE ANN
 BRADLEY, MEGAN NICHOLLE
 BREEDING, LANDRY PARKER
 BREWER, ZELDA SUE
 BROKESHOULDER, GERALD C.
 BROWN, DAVID ANTHONY
 BROWN, JEARLDEAN LOUISE
 BROWN, SHEDRICK TREMAIN
 BRYANT, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL
 BUI, ROBERT DAO
 BULLARD, CAROLYN SUE
 BURGESS, ANTHONY WAYNE
 BURRIS, JOYCE ANN
 BYERS, SAMUEL EZRA
 CHAPLINE, ANNABELLE RENEE
 CHARLEY JR, EUGENE R
 CHARLEY, SHAWNA TRACY
 CHASTEEN, PATRICIA MARIE HASKINS
 CIULLA, CASIMER JAMES
 CLARK, CHRISTIAN EUGENE
 CLARK, MARY ESTHER
 CLEM, SHERRY MICHELLE
 COBELL, MIRANDA PAULINE
 COCHRANE, ARTHUR KENT
 CODDINGTON, KEVIN DWAYNE
 CODDINGTON, MICHAEL WILLIAM
 CODDINGTON, NICOLE CHENOA
 COFFEE, BRADLEE ROY

CORPUS, ALYCE KAREN
 COX, ELIZABETH DIANE
 CREEK, ALLISON JADNE
 CREEK, SHELIA MARTA
 CROSSLEY, CAROLINE DIANNE
 CRUZ, OWEN PATRICK
 CRUZILARNEY, LEONARDO
 DANKENBRING, CHRISTINA RENEE
 DAVIS, GARY BRENT
 DAVIS, JEREMY RAY
 DEER, BRAYDEN NATHANIEL
 DEER, CHANNA RACYNE
 DELODGE JR, DWIGHT LEE
 DELODGE, DEVIN DONTE JAYLON
 DENNISON, LINDSEY NICOLE
 DIBLER, JIMMY FLOYD
 DIETRICH, SKYLAR STAR
 DODDS, AUDREY SCROGGINS
 DOUGLASS, CATALYNA JADE
 DUNFORD, DUSTIN EVERETT
 DURMON, RAVEN REESE
 EASON, GEMINI ELANE
 EDWARDS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN
 EIK, JOYCE LYNN GANT
 ELLIS JR, PAUL SAMUEL
 ELLIS, CRAIG JOSEPH
 ELLIS, JOSHUA LEE
 ELLIS, STEVEN DUANE
 FELTON, BEVERLY ANN
 FINLEY, CHARLES CHRISTOPHER
 FIXICO, KYEANNA ROCHELLE
 FLIPPEN, GALE SUE
 FOREMAN, JAMIE MARIE
 FOREMAN, LISA ANN
 FRAZIER, LISA DEANNE
 FRITSCH, CHERYL D. SLOAT
 GANT, PHILLIP MONROE
 GARCIA, JENNIFER GAIL
 GARFIELD, DOREECESHA LA SHAWN
 GARRETSON, SANDRA JEAN
 GIBSON SR, ISAAC
 GIBSON, BRYAN SCOTT
 GIBSON, KYLE WAYNE
 GIBSON, WHITLEE DANELL NACOLE
 GONZALEZ, KACEY LYNN
 GRASS, GREGORY RYAN
 GRASS, SKYLOR DAIN
 GUTHRIE, WILLIAM THOMAS
 HARGO II, ZACKERY COLIN DELL
 HARGO, SAMANTHA MACHEL
 HARGO, VIOLA HARGO
 HARTOE, THEODORE MOSE
 HARRIS, REBECCA ROSE LILLIE
 HARVEY, ROWENA GAIL
 HAUMPY, TYUANA SENORITA
 HERRERA, ARLENE JUNE
 HERRERA, JOSE ALFREDO

HIBDON, KYLEE BROOKE
 HICKS, LENNY WAYNE
 HILL, RYAN WARREN
 HOOD, FLORA JEAN
 HOOD, LEAH
 HOUCHIN, CYNTHIA DIANE
 IBARRA JR, LUIS RICARDO
 IRVIN, DARLENE GOSNEY
 JACKSON, TENA IN A-TYE
 JACKSON, TYSON JOEL SWEENEY
 JACOBS, MISTIE LEANN
 JOHNSON, BRYAN AUSTIN
 JOHNSON, DANE ECHOEGEE
 JOHNSON, HILO TSOTIGH
 JOHNSON, JOHN RAYMOND
 JOHNSON, JOSEPH TARRON
 JOHNSON, MEGAN LUCILLE
 JOHNSON, NAHTANHA KAT
 JOHNSON, TILLMAN AARON
 JOHNSON, TRAVIS ERIC
 KASTL, JAMES EDWARD
 KELOUGH, LACHRISTA KAY
 KETAKEA, ASHLEY PAIGE
 KILMER JR, GREGORY KEITH
 KILMER, BRANDON KEITH
 KILMER, MICHAEL HOUSTON
 KINLEY, TAYLOR JORDAN
 KMATZ, ZACHARY ROBERT
 KOONTZ, SUSAN KAY
 KOWITZ, SHELLY ANNE
 KURCZYNSKI, MARY LEE
 LAPLANT, BAILEY PAIGE
 LAPLANT, CAMERON SCOTT
 LARNEY, HARRIET LEE
 LARNEY, MEGAN JUNE
 LATZKE, KIMBERLY NICOLE
 LEITKA, MACKLYN CHAPPELL
 LEWIS, MARIAN NICOLE
 LEWIS, MARK STEPHEN
 LEWIS, SKYLAR DEAN COOKSEY
 LIME, ANDREW BARRY
 LITTLE AXE, ARTIANN DANIELE
 LITTLE AXE, CLAUDE TYNER
 LITTLE AXE, LISA ANNETTE
 LITTLE CHARLEY, VIRGIL RAY
 LITTLE CREEK, CALVIN DALE
 LITTLE, ANTHONY RAY
 LITTLEBEAR SR, MICHAEL
 LITTLEBEAR, MARQUITTA ANNETTE
 LITTLECREEK, ARNOLD KENT
 LITTLECREEK, CHRISTOPHER DWIGHT
 LITTLECREEK, DREW MICHELLE
 LONGHORN, DARRELL EUGENE
 LONGMAN, ANDREA KAY
 LOW, SADIE L. SPYBUCK
 LOWE, BRAYLON JAMES
 LOWE, MEGAN LOUISE

MACK, JUSTIN WAYNE
 MACK, KEVIN LEE
 MAHARDY, BRADLEY GENE
 MAHARDY, LACEY ROCHELLE
 MANN, JESSE DALE
 MARTINAC, SUSAN RENEE
 MASQUAS, IZATAH ZAZUETA
 MAYFIELD, HAYDEN WINONA
 MCCOLLOM, BRANDY JO
 MCGOWAN, CHARLES LEE
 MCGUIRE, KELSEY NICOLE
 MCMAHAN, CAMDYN RAE
 MCMILLEN, MITCHELL THOMAS
 MELTON, KALEN MYKEL
 MENDOZA, ELIZABETH RANAE
 MICHAELSON, CAROL SUE MORTON
 MICHAELSON, JAMES ROSS
 MICKLEBURGH, DOROTHY JEAN
 MINDSINGER, SARA DANIELLE
 MITCHELL, TREVOR MICAH DAVID
 MOHAWK, GALEN LEROY
 MOHAWK, WILLIAM DOUGLAS
 MOLINA, MANUELA
 MONTGOMERY, RICHARD HENRY AARON
 MOORE, JORDAN LASHELL
 MORGAN, ALISSA ANN
 MORGAN, TWILA MARSHELLA
 MORTON, MADISON SKYE
 MORTON, MISTY LYNN
 MORTON, RACHEL RAYNELL
 MULLINS, MIRISSA BETHANY
 MURDOCK, WISPER DAWN
 MURRY JR, STEVEN RAY
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 ONEAHWAH, DAVID LEVI
 OTOOLE, RYAN GREGORY
 OWENS, JAE'LYN NEVAEH
 OZERETNY, PATRICIA R MUSICK
 PATTON, KIMBERLY MARIE
 PAYNE, RILEY ERIN
 PEARCE, EILEEN
 PEARL, DAVLEN JOSEPH
 PEARSON, ETTA AXE WASHINGTON
 PEREZ, BRENDA IRENE
 PETTY, JOHN ERIC MATTHEW
 PINE, RITA ANN
 PITCHFORD, LYRIA MAKAILA DEANN
 PLUNKETT, TOBIE JOHN
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 RAMIREZ, TIFFANY ANN
 READING, GREGORY TYLER
 RESPICIO, NICHOLAS LEE
 RIDES AT THE DOOR, MALEAH JANE
 RIEDEL, LINDA MAE ROBINSON
 ROBBINS, ARTIEL NICOLE
 ROBERTSON, JIMMY
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 ROLETTE, TYLER AUSTIN
 RYAN, MORIA COLLEEN
 RYDER, HOLLAND THOMAS
 SANCHEZ, EDER PAVEL
 SANCHEZ, JOSEFA YOLANDA
 SCHMIDT, MICHELLE DENISE
 SCOTT, COLTON JAMES
 SEBER, JAMES EDDIE
 SERENA, NICOLE INEZ RAE'LYNNE
 SHAWNEE, BROOKLYN PEARL
 SHAWNEE, LINDSAY GAIL
 SHIELDS, DARREN
 SHRESTHA, ABHI CHASE
 SIMPSON, FLORA MAE
 SIMPSON, LISA RUDINE
 SIMPSON, RAEHEL RAYANN
 STIPPLE, PATRICK MICHAEL
 SLAYTON, SHARON VIRGINIA
 SLOAT, JERRY RAY
 SLOAT, SHIRLEY ANN
 SLOAT, TROY LYNN
 SLOAT-OTOOLE, LEZLIE MARIE
 SMITH, BRIAN KEITH
 SMITH, CHANDRIA JEAN
 SMITH, CHRISTINA SUE
 SMITH, SCOTT ALAN
 SMITH, SHAD MICHAEL
 SNAKE FLOYD, JANET LYNNE
 SOAP, MARGARET ANGELA
 SPOON, ASHLEY NICOLE
 SPOON, DAVID CLAYTON
 SPRIGGS, DONALD RAY
 SPYBUCK, JASON EVAN
 SQUIRE, DONALD RAY
 SQUIRE, JOSEPH LYNN
 SQUIRE, LEROY RICKY
 STACEY, ROSALYN
 STEINRUCK JR, HAROLD EUGENE
 STEPHENS, REBECCA PAULINE
 STEVES, GARY WAYNE
 STEWART, LONITA VIRGINIA WILLIAMS
 STREET, LOUISE AXE WASHINGTON
 STRICKLIN, EUGENE STANLEY
 SWITCH, ISATAH JACOB
 TAFF, NANCY ANN
 TAPIA, GIANNA JADE
 TASCIER, SUSAN WILKERSON
 TAYLOR, STEVEN MARK

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 TEMPLE, GINGER LEE
 THORPE, TYRONE GUTHRIE
 TIGER, EMMA KAY
 TIGER, GERALD
 TIGER, KWINTEN DANL
 TIGER, MARISELA ROSE
 TIGER, NANCY RAE
 TIGER, RILEY EUGENE
 TIGER-ONEAHWAH, PRESTON ZACHARY
 TILLEY, NOLAN GRANT
 TOLBERT, JANIS LAVONNE
 TURNER, STEPHEN
 UCHIDA, BRYSON HARVEY
 WAHPEPAH, BRADY MAVERIK
 WAHPEPAH, PAULINE WHITE
 WALLEY, LOWANA GALE
 WARRIOR, ANDREW KEITH
 WARRIOR, LUANA CHRISTIE
 WARRIOR, LYDIA ROSE
 WASHINGTON SR, ALGENE
 WASHINGTON, MATTHEW GEORGE
 WASHINGTON, TATUM STONEY
 WATKINS, FAWN LIL'GRASS
 WATKINS, FREDDIE LEE
 WATKINS, JALYNE ALEXIS
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 WEBB, RAVEN JAMES
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 WHITETHUNDER, DAELAN TAKEE
 WHITNEY-COON, DAVIN ZANE
 WHITTEN, DAVID J. J. THOMAS
 WIETELMAN, EBANEY BIONCA LYNN
 WILLIAMS, BRAYLIE AUDRA
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 WILLIAMS, KYREE SAVAUGHN
 WILLIAMS, LACEY ALEXANDRA
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 WINEGAR, JUANITA JEAN
 WINROW JR, RODRICK DONNELL
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 WITT, JACOB MATTHEW
 WOLFE, RICHARD RAY
 WRIGHT, SHANE ALLEN
 YEAH'PAU, EDEN DIONE



HAPPY 70- PLUS BIRTHDAY JOHNNIE MAE


JUNE 5th
Happy Sweet 16
MACKIEDOODLE!!!!!!
 (MACKLYN LEITKA)
IT'S MY 16TH BIRTHDAY
 From: Shelby & Bryson D.

Happy 1st Birthday
JUNE 1st

Daelan TAKYE
 White Thunder
 "DAEDAE"
 -Love always-
 DADDY, GRANDMA, PAPPY, MOUSIE
 Aunt Shelby & bubba Bryson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Granny Low
 We love you the most
 and pretty sure
 you know it.
 Cause you're the
 71 yr. ol' lady but
 sure don't show it!!
 Love,
 Jiliyan, Joplin, & Justin

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY
SAMUEL EZRA BYERS!!
*We are extremely proud and
 love you very much!*
*Keep up the hard
 work at Haskell.*

Aunt Sherry, Uncle Shawn & families

Happy Birthday Arlene!

Have A Good One & Eat Lots Of Cake!!
Marv & Sherry

Mom,
Hope your "Special"
birthday is as awe-
some as you are!!
We love you always
and forever.
Love your daughters,
Sherri & B.J.


HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY
LANDON KAP-Don CLARK!!

YOU ARE SO PRECIOUS AND
WE LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH!
PAWPAW & GOGO

LENNY WAYNE
*Your momma's heart
 and soul*

*This year has gone
 by so fast!*
*Papa, Ama, Uncle Dude
 and I want to wish you a*
HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Lindsey & Nolan

Love, Marvin & Sherry

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

LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM

BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Chef Salad w/ Turkey Eggs, Chez Cottage Chez/Peaches	3 Chicken Broc & Rice Dinner Tossed Salad* Fruit	4 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Bread/Fruit	5 Frito Chili Pie Onion, Chez Cookie	6 Pancakes Sausage Patty Fruit	7
8	9 Ravioli's Broccoli Tossed Salad* Garlic Toast	10 Chicken Fry Chicken Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Bread/Fruit	11 Beef Tips & Noodles Veggies Pears	12 Manwich Onion Rings Pickles Applesauce	13 Oatmeal Toast Boiled Egg Fruit	14 Flag Day
15 	16 BBQ Chicken Zucc & Tom. Bread Mixed Fruit	17 Meatloaf Mashed Pot/Gravy Greenbeans Peaches	18 Pinto Beans Cornbread Cucumber Salad	19 Baked Fried Pork Chop Veggies Tossed Salad* Fruit	20 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	21 Summer Begins!!!
22	23 Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onions Baked Beans Pudding	24 Roast Red Potato Carrots Roll/Apricots	25 Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice Cookie	26 Baked Potato Chez,Ham,Onions Veggies Sour Cream/Fruit	27 Cereal Sausage Patty Toast Fruit	28
29	30 Fish Coleslaw Mac n Chez Pineapples					

2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

McCloud School

Jada Nance and Trevor Mitchell, Absentee Tribal members who were awarded gifts during the McCloud Jr. High Title VII reward luncheon are pictured above, not present were tribal members Ty Maxwell and Ethan Ponkilla. According to Title VII Tutor for the McCloud Jr. High Althea Monoessy, the kid's were challenged to keep their grades above a C level.

At the end of the year, invitations are given to each Title VII student. Those returning the envelope with their name on it not only enjoyed an Indian Taco lunch, but were rewarded with a prize. Prize's ranged from T-shirts to donated meals by local café's. The local Family Dollar, McDonald's of Harrah, Sonic in McCloud and Little Cesar's of Harrah, also donated prizes or gift certificates for the kids.

Ethan who is part of a different building would come over and read the first semester, second semester his schedule had changed. We didn't get to see him as much, although he did still receive a reward. He always has a smile and a hello every morning and at lunch time for everyone.

Jada, Trevor and Ty are very outstanding students who excelled not only in the classroom, but outside the classroom, not only did these three play sports they also kept it quite about cultural activities. According to Ms. Monoessy, this is something most of the kids here didn't talk about unless they were in her office was their involvement in cultural activities. I've tried to change that here at the school and have been very open with the kids about my cultural. Understanding that most tribes don't talk about a lot of customs and beliefs, I've tried to explain that there are some things that are multicultural and would be acceptable to talk about. I play Indian music in my office and most of the kids say turn it up or which drum group. I have a variety of music so that I don't play favorites to just one tribe. So far their favorite music to listen to is between the Stomp dance and Hand drum.

I would like to thank the AST Gift Shop for helping when I had to purchase last minute items. Also, to the AST news for showing interest in your tribal students and their excellent work in school.



Education Department

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

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy for at the Education Department office or for download at www.astribe.com.

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

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

Attention:

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

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

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

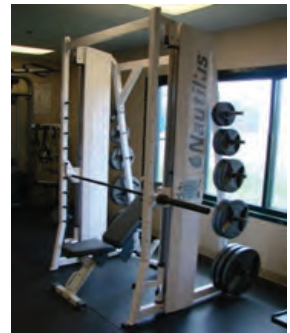


FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Monday—Thursday
6:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday
6:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday
CLOSED



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



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

"Following in Our Footsteps" MSPI Camp

The Summer Camp is set for the week of June 23rd - 27th at the Little Axe Resource Center. Transportation will be available from Shawnee clinic to the LA area. Several different types of youth activities are planned for ages 10-17 years old. For an application & more information, please contact Jenifer Sloan at 701-7988.



CYBER SECURITY

JOSHUA GIBSON | MIS | IT ANALYST

I would like to discuss the safety concerns on the Android platform for handheld devices, such as smartphones, tablets, and phablets. The risk of Ransomware has become increasingly on the rise, in the past a program by the name of Crypto-locker; Crypto-locker was a type of Ransomware Trojan that specifically encrypted files on stored drives that asked the user to send payment for decrypting of files, Crypto-locker can be removed, but the damage is when the files are encrypted. In many cases where the victim has paid the ransom the files were not decrypted, and many researchers have stated it is infeasible to break once the files are encrypted. The only way to avoid this catastrophe is to back up, back up, and back up your files. This is, of course, for home users to follow as checking with your local administrator on procedures for data back-up is advised in a work environment. These attacks are now becoming a reality for mobile user's specifically Android platforms. I suggest keeping your mobile operating system up to date with the latest version. The smartphones vary with what version of OS is available. If the smartphone, tablet, or phablet is an older model, android usually doesn't support newer versions of the OS to specific models. This marketing technique is poor for the consumer, forcing the consumer to update handheld devices every 2-3 years. Key tips in avoiding Ransomware for androids are:



- **Back up your data;** Google provides many services to back up your data on your smartphone, it would be wise to frequently do this as a routine, perhaps weekly.
- **Do not install strange files;** Malware authors make it enticing for the user to download apps. So avoid downloading anything presented in a link or if asked to download. You should only download from app stores and make sure to read the reviews on the apps before proceeding.
- **Scan files before installing;** If you have a smartphone or tablet that runs Android, make sure you have up-to-date anti-malware software installed and use this to scan apps before installing.

Follow these as routine in your daily schedule or weekly and you can avoid Ransomware in the future.

A topic that has been very quiet in most work environments has been "bring your own device" or known as 'BYOD' in the tech world. Reports have shown smartphones as well as other devices laptops, and tablets pose the biggest risk to businesses and doubles as a risk. Meike Escherich, principal research analyst at Gartner, said, 'The threat of cyber attacks on mobile devices is increasing and can result in data loss, security breaches and compliance/regulatory violations.' Many businesses are not considering the risks posed by BYOD - such as sensitive files leaving offices on unsecured devices. A survey from last year had shown 40% of companies did not even consider BYOD as a threat. This mentality has to change for work environments in order to combat malicious attacks and prevent data loss. Implementing agreements and creating stiff policies to restrict personal devices from accessing network drives as well as saving sensitive files on personal devices need to occur.

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.

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

Down Payment Assistance Program

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

Eligibility Requirements

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

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

NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE!



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

NOTE: There is limited homes available for this program.

Injury Prevention Program

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

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

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

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



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

Classes are offered each week day:

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

in the Music House

North of the AST Police Department

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

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

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

Phil Bradley

AST Music Director/Instructor

405-370-5576

pbradley@astribe.com

Let Your Soul Have a Voice.



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 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
 suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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RECYCLING MA-
TERIAL THAT
WE ACCEPT.

ALL WHITE PAPER,
ENVELOPES, COL-
ORED PAPER, JUNK
MAIL, FAX PAPER,
MAGAZINES,
NEWSPAPER, CARD-
BOARD, AND ALU-
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THROW IT OUT.

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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 recycla-bles will be sought.

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

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

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

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

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

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- Income
- Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

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

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.

Submit completed application to:

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

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13

If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

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

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

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

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC

SPONSORED BY THE NOTAH BEGAY III FOUNDATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE



JUNE 14TH
10AM-2PM
COACHES
CLINIC 2PM-



4PM
FREE



TO PRE REGISTER CONTACT BRANDON GOODMAN AT 275-4030 EXT 193. LEAVE VOICEMAIL IF THERE IS NO ANSWER.

- OPEN TO ALL YOUTH 1ST-8TH GRADE WITH A CDIB FROM ANY TRIBE.
- OPEN TO ALL COACHES AND PARENTS INTERESTED IN COACHING
- WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LITTLE AXE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD.

- LUNCH FOR YOUTH
- T-Shirt
- Nike Soccer Ball

WITH PRE REGISTRATION
 • YOUTH WHO DO NOT PRE-REGISTER WILL BE SUBJECT TO WHAT'S LEFT.



BIOS ON SOME OF THE COACHES THAT WILL BE THERE

Stephanie Gabbert

Tricia Taliaferro

Mike Dickey

Chief Physical Activity Officer, Notah Begay III Foundation

Associate Director, US Club Soccer Girls Id2 Program

Head Girls Regional Coach, Region II

- Director of all NB3F soccer camps and clinics focused in Native communities
- 16 year career as a collegiate soccer coach at schools including Wisconsin, Iowa, and Ohio State
- Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year 1999
- National Staff Coach for U.S. Soccer (2003-2007)
- U.S. Soccer U-15 Girls National Team Head Coach (2005-06) and director of the U.S. U-14 Girls Developmental program (2004-2006)
- U.S. Soccer National Instructional Staff for Coaching Education
- USSF 'A' License

- Girls Program Director Weston United FC Premier, Miami, FL
- Staff Coach U17 and U20 National Teams Antigua and Barbuda Soccer Federation
- Former U.S. Soccer U17 WNT Assistant Coach for the World Cup, 2013
- Former collegiate soccer coach at Illinois and University of Miami
- ACC Coach of the Year 2007
- USSF 'A' License and USYS National Youth License



- Technical Director and Head Coach Kentucky Fire Juniors
- Former Head Coach Men's Professional Teams
- Former U.S. Soccer National Staff Coach and Technical Advisor
- Former Head Coach U.S. Soccer Girls U-15 and U-17 National Teams
- Former U.S. Soccer U17 WNT Assistant Coach for the World Cup, 2010
- U.S. Soccer National Instructional Staff for Coaching Education
- USSF 'A' License

Jim Thorpe



5K Run & Fun Run / Walk

Sunday, June 8th

Registration Begins at 6:00 am (No Late Starts)

Register at Event!

No Registration Fee

5K Race Starts at 7:00 am

Open to the public!

Fun Run/Walk starts at 8:00 am

* Medals awarded to top 3 winners in each age category: (5-11yrs; 12-17yrs; 18-55yrs; 55+; Male vs Female in all categories)

Location: Firelake Event Center, Shawnee, Ok

For more info contact: Jenifer Sloan @ (405)701-7988 or Kasey Dean @ (405)701-7993

* All Ages Welcome!



Sponsored by AST MSPI/SPF

* 1 Mile Fun Walk for Kids!

*Free T-shirts & Incentives!

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Phone: _____

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsors; cooperating and coordinating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result from my participation. I hereby give my permission for the media to use my name and photograph in the AST newsletter without limitation or obligation. I certify that I am physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event.

Signature

Date

FYI: Contract Health Service News

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health

*The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you
... follow the CHS Guidelines!
Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information*

Contract Health Services for AST members with Insurance

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

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

Contract Health Services for AST members without Insurance

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

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

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

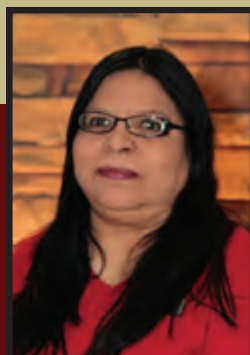
CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for "triage".
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members *with* insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care" (such evidence may include payment from private insurance).
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*

**Contract Health
Direct Phone Line
405.701.7951**



Debi Sloat



Glendine Blanchard



Flo Mann



Sharon Ponkilla



Darla Gatzman



Jayne Werst

Horse Shoe Bend After School Program

June 2014

The Horse Shoe Bend After School program will be taking applications for our upcoming summer program which starts June 16 and runs through July 31, 2014. It will go Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm with lunch provided by Feed the Children. Students will be encouraged to brush up on their studies and take field trips during the seven week program.



During the first week of June students will be participating in the Jim Thorpe Games. Horse Shoe Bend will have two teams, one boys and girls under 12 categories that will compete in the basketball tournament. We will also have 3 students in the track and field events. The games are being played at the Oklahoma Baptist University and at St. Gregory's University located in Shawnee, Oklahoma. I would like to thank Jennifer and Victor Castaneda for coaching the girl's team and Stuart Rolette and Trent Norton for coaching the boy's team. These four individuals are taking this extracurricular project on their own time to make sure players are ready and prepared to play on game day.

The Parade in for the Jim Thorpe Games will be held at the Firelake Arena on Sunday, June 8, 2014 in the evening.

If you have any questions about the Horse Shoe Bend After School program please call 405-481-0397 or 405-275-1030, Ext. 187.

We look forward to seeing each of you this summer.
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor



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



May 2014 News...

Our 'Muffins for Moms' event was a huge success!! All of the children enjoyed eating breakfast with their mothers. Thank you to all the moms who were able to participate. We hope that ALL of the moms had a wonderful Mother's Day!



We are still planning a car seat safety fair, but are waiting for more car seats to be available. Therefore, it is tentatively being set for June or July. We will update the information as it becomes available.

We would like to welcome four new Building Blocks employees. Stephanie Geissler is an AST member and she is our new Three-year-old Teacher. Sharon Davis is our new Food Prep Assistant. She is training here in order to transfer to our Little Axe location. Amy Crider and Ricci 'Michelle' Ferguson are our new Teacher Floaters. We are very excited to have them here at Building Blocks!

Dates to Remember:

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH: "DONUTS FOR DADS" AT 8:00 A.M.
We invite the fathers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Father's Day!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH: FATHER'S DAY

Thank you,
Billie Thompson
Director

SPF-TIG PROGRAM!



RX SUMMIT!



TEC-CONFERENCE
AST GOVERNOR
SPF-TRIBAL PARTNERS



DRAWING WINNER!



SPF-BOOTH



Recent pictures from the SPF Grant. All four of our tribal partners including, The Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Chickasaw Nation, Comanche Nation, and Cheyenne and Arapahoe Tribes collaborated at the TEC conference held at the Firelake Grand Casino and set up a prevention and outreach booth. We also all attended the Prescription Drug Conference in Atlanta. Pictured are the SPF Tribal Partners with the AST Governor, the booth drawing winner, and Melanie Griffith our keynote speaker at the Atlanta RX Summit. The SPF-TIG grant is a new project aimed at collecting data focusing on prevention targeting tribal you and our Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Service Area. All four tribal partners are busy collecting data on underage drinking and prescription drug misuse and abuse from students and adults in our area. Once this data is collected we will be forming a coalition that will include our youth, and adults. The project is funded through the Substance Abuse grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration which all four tribes are partnered with through the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. Through our collected data, we will identify what areas such as drugs and alcohol are priority and then the data collected will dictate what prevention methods will be used in our community. The goals of the program are to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse related problems, and to build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the tribal and community level.

KENNETH BLANCHARD

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE



As former Governor and Lt. Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe I have the knowledge and experience to provide professional leadership and improve services that impact each of you as a tribal member. I am asking for your vote in the General Election on June 21, 2014. As your Tribal Representative I need to be responsive to the voices of the people and I WILL DO THIS.

As your Tribal Representative I need to care, to desire to take care of my people. I WILL DO THIS. I want to take care of you and this is why I am running and asking for your vote to be the next Tribal Representative. I WILL DO THIS.

I will represent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe with dignity and honesty. I WILL DO THIS.

With my experience in tribal government I am not a "learn as you go" candidate. Please consider these things before you cast your vote.

I am asking for your vote on June 21, 2014.

Respectfully,
Kenneth Blanchard

Greetings Respected Tribal Members,

This will be my last statement for the honored position of Lt. Governor. I want to express to you how important it is to have people in positions that want to continue to see our tribe progress for our children and grandchildren. You, as tribal members, have been given the opportunity to vote on these questions. For some reason, a few of the current executive committee members do not want to be accountable and see no need to have a code of conduct and ethics. We need and want to attract our educated tribal members to run for the executive committee offices, this is the reason why we need the tiered salary chart.

Ballot questions:

- The Tiered Salary chart proposal for Elected Executive Committee Members based on elected office held, education, and experience. We want to educate our tribal members and then entice them to come back and work for the tribe. This will be one way. The salary that the elected officials receive now, no one can support their families, except retired tribal members.
- Code of Conduct and Ethics this would regulate Executive Committee members of the tribe regarding conduct, conflicts of interest, abuses of power, gifts, and uses of public property. This code would provide complaint and hearing process, and requires the formation of an ethics committee to investigate certain complaints.

My faith and hope is that for all to see the importance of these two proposals which are much needed for our tribe to move forward with elected officials who want to best serve the needs of the Absentee Shawnee People. Hope you, the voters, will get out and spread the word about voting on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Blessings, Kathy Deere, Candidate for Lt. Governor

VOTE KATHY DEERE FOR LT. GOVERNOR



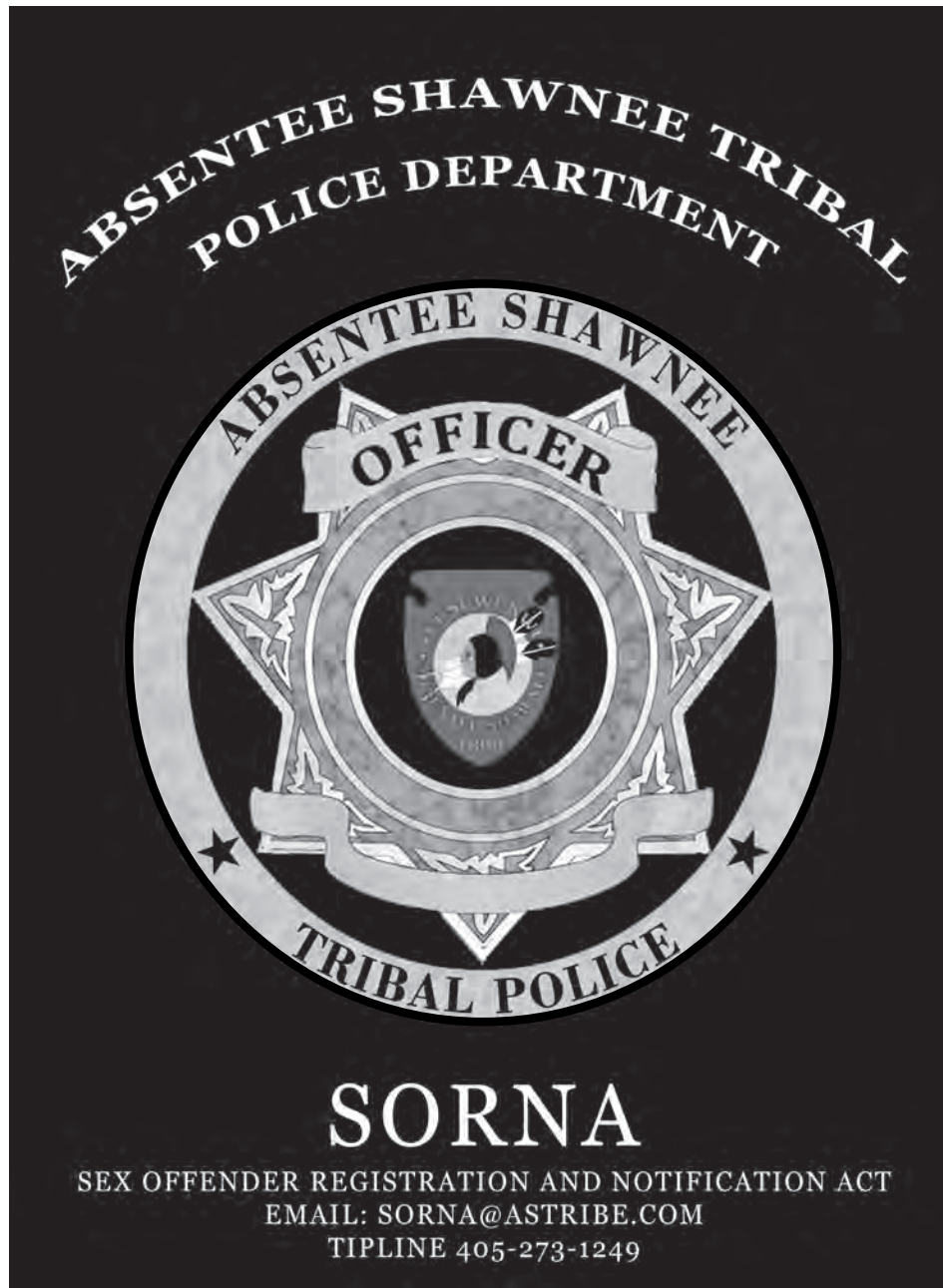
Fellow Tribal Members,

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

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

Sincerely,
Leah D. Bates
Leading Candidate for AST Treasurer

VOTE JUNE 21ST



EWELL LONGHORN FOR TREASURER

I first wish to thank our Tribal members for getting out to vote in the primary election. Over 400 votes were cast and that's a very good turn out as compared to recent elections. I also wish to express my appreciation for all the candidates that filed for office for it shows how devoted they are to their Tribe and that they were willing to put up the \$500 filing fee for an opportunity to take part in leading the Tribe as a member of the Executive Committee.

Our Tribe is in a financial crisis. We have approximately \$30 million in debt with the LA Health Center and the Shawnee Casino. Competition for our main source of funds, the Thunderbird Casino, are growing stronger and expanding - the River Wind and Grand Casino. Our other businesses are losing money with the exception of AllNations Bank. I would like each Tribal member to think about a simple question: If I were hiring someone to manage my financial affairs and those of my children and grandchildren, should I hire someone who has training, education and years of experience in financial matters with proven positive results or should I hire someone who doesn't? This seems to be a no-brainer. I can tell you from firsthand experience that successful tribes including several of our neighboring tribes elect people with experience and education and it shows in their progress and growth. I'm not trying to be critical of my opponent for she is a relative. I respect and applaud her ambition and goals as a young Tribal member. Good luck to you Leah!

During the course of campaigning for the primary election several rumors and accusations about me and my previous time as Treasurer were being circulated by candidates that weren't even running for the Treasurer's position. I would like to put a few examples on the table and respond to each below:

1. Ewell is too mean he would write void on purchase orders and requisitions and the paperwork would have to be redone.

Response: When I took office in 2006 it was common practice for departments and the Thunderbird Casino to send check requests for items that had already been purchased without following the Tribe's and the Casino's purchase policies. Signatures of department directors and Casino management weren't in place and they were asking me as Treasurer and as the custodian of all Tribal funds -per the Constitution- to sign off on expending Tribal funds. A glaring example was the Thunderbird purchased a new vehicle for a giveaway prize and the vehicle was already on the casino floor with purchase agreements already signed by casino personnel when a check request for over \$20,000 came to my office but without the signatures of the Casino manager and controller in place. Of course I wouldn't sign off and it was sent back for being incomplete.

2. People in the Finance Department will quit if Ewell is elected. Response: Now if any employee whether in Finance or any other department or program decides to quit that is their choice.

This is a fact: When I was Treasurer I only terminated one employee and that was only after six months of evaluation and in the mist of many complaints by other Finance personnel. This is a fact also: When I left the Treasurer's office in 2008 I had hired a quite capable Controller who subsequently left because of internal turmoil in the Finance Department and with the Executive Committee. That former employee is now providing valuable accounting work for another Tribe. There are Finance staff who are involved in the politics of the Tribe and this should be prohibited as it is with most tribes and the federal government as a personnel policy matter.

3. Ewell has not been around for several years because he testified against the "mob".

Response: This one still makes me laugh! Truth is I lived and did work for several tribes in New Mexico, the City of Rio Rancho, New Mexico and the USDA in Albuquerque. I completed an SBA 8(a) application for a tribal business which was awarded 8(a) status. I took part in writing a grant for the same tribe which was awarded a \$600,000 grant for a new business by the USDA's Rural Development program. I have been living and working in Oklahoma since March of last year. And NO! I have never testified against the MOB! This is a fact: I have testified in federal court cases where bank officials were prosecuted in part based on my work as a federal bank examiner years ago and I have been in tribal, state and federal courts based on my work and duties in different positions with our Tribe.

I will repeat my goals if elected as follow:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 will also repeat a few of my accomplishments during my term:

1. Intervened to stop the sale of our bank that would have resulted in a loss by the Tribe of \$1,600,000.

2. Directed and supervised the Finance Department in bringing the Tribe's Indirect Cost Agreements current with BIA requirements. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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. Large potential losses were avoided by this action. I would like to provide a reminder: When I served as Treasurer I provided answers to questions asked during General Council and other meetings and didn't have to defer questions to the controller or other staff members. I am experienced and knowledgeable on tribal and federal financial matters and contracts.

I will once more say I am proud to be an Absentee-Shawnee with a bachelor's degree in business and years of experience in the banking industry in different capacities and over 20 years working with tribes. I am once more asking for your support and vote in the upcoming June run off election!

Thank you!

Ewell Longhorn

Feel free to call me with any questions or suggestions at (405) 273-4137

JEFF GIBSON FOR TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jeff Gibson for Tribal Representative,

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

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

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

VOTE JEFF GIBSON,

TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE

WELCOME STEVE!

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT STEVE GOTNER HAS JOINED ALLNATIONS BANK AS VICE PRESIDENT/LOAN OFFICER. HIS MAIN FUNCTION WILL BE TO DEVELOP BUSINESS FOR THE SHAWNEE BRANCH. STEVE HOLDS A DEGREE FROM NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE FIELD OF FINANCE SINCE 1987. HIS MOST RECENT POSITION, BEFORE COMING TO ALLNATIONS BANK, WAS WITH SECURITY STATE BANK AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT. HE IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CHURCH AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS.



AllNations Bank

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Hello from your AllNations Bank family. Everyone needs to be aware of how to “Deter” (avoid) becoming a victim of Identity theft. Identity theft is a serious crime. It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes. Identity theft can cost you time and ruin your credit and ruin your good name.

Deter identity thieves by safeguarding your information.

1. **Shred financial documents** and paperwork with personal information before you discard them.
2. **Protect your Social Security number.** Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet or write your Social Security number on a check. Give it out only if absolutely necessary and ask to use another identifier.
3. **Don't give out personal information** on the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with. Avoid disclosing personal financial information when using public wireless connections.
4. **Never click on links sent in unsolicited emails;** instead, type in a web address you know. Use firewalls, anti-spyware and anti-virus software to protect your home computer; keep them up-to-date. If you use peer to peer file sharing, check the settings to make sure you're not sharing other sensitive private files. Visit **OnGuardOnline.gov** for more information.
5. **Don't use an obvious password** like your birth date, your mother's maiden name or the last four digits of your Social Security number.
6. **Keep your personal information in a secure place** at home, especially if you have roommates, employ outside help or are having work done in your house. Next month we will explore how to “detect” identity thefts by routinely monitoring your financial accounts and billing statements.

Best regards,

You're AllNations Bank Family

- Gene, Eugene, Amber, Steve, Diana & Devan

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL 4-MAN GOLF SCRAMBLE



JUNE 14, 2014
JIMMIE AUSTIN GOLF COURSE
SEMINOLE, OK

Pay Outs For 1st thru 5th Place
 ALL CART & FEES PAID
 "Blind Draw" For Teams
 Shotgun Start At 8:00 AM
 Check In At 7:00 AM

Deadline For Sign-Up Is June 1st
 Text Rick LittleAxe at (405) 974-0059 or Call
 Absentee Shawnee Complex at (405) 275-4030 Ask For Lt. Gov. Isaac Gibson

FOR ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY MUST HAVE C.D.I.B. CARD, NO EXCEPTIONS



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**



Personal Banking:

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Banking Hours:

2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801

Lobby Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday

Drive In Hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday

Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon



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

FOSTER CARE

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

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

GOT LOVE?

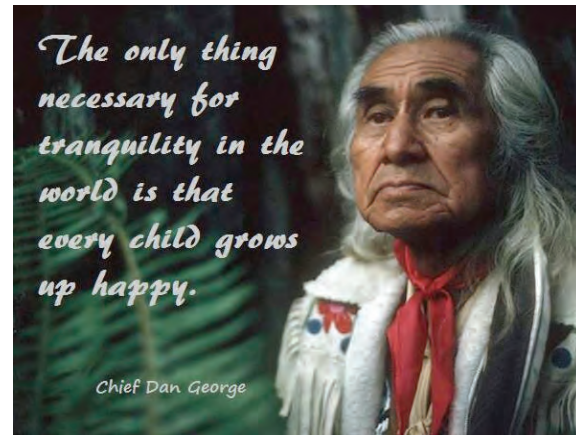


FOSTER A CHILD

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Problems Facing American Indian Children and Families

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

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

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

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

